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## Major new review of the town's bus service

A REVIEW of bus stops and connections is being carried out in Walsall under plans to improve transport services in the town centre.

Better passenger information is planned as part of a new strategy from Centro and Walsall Council. It could see some bus stops relocated and a better link established from St Paul's bus station to the town's rail station.

There are already £14 million plans to revamp the Bradford Place interchange.

Centro spokesman Mark Langford said: "We are currently in very early discussions with Walsall Council to develop a town centre interchange strategy."

"This is focused on increasing capacity in the Bradford Place area for buses and improving interchange and connectivity in Walsall town centre through new wayfinding, better siting of bus stops and improved passenger information."

"While these plans seek to make it easier for people to connect to St Paul's Bus Station from the rail station, Bradford Place and other areas of the town, there are currently no plans to make any changes to the layout or size of the facility."

The earliest start date is 2015.

The moves comes as Network Rail look into creating a fourth platform at Walsall's main rail station.

## Outcry over WC closures

CALLS have been made for a re-think of council plans to close public toilets under cost-cutting measures.

Loos in Pelsall, Rushall, Willenhall, Aldridge, Brownhills and Blakenall Heath are to be shut to save costs of £120,000. Councillor Pete Smith said: "Having built these new toilets only five years ago as part of the Blakenall area improvement, it seems a waste of money to close them down."

The closure of toilets in Brownhills has prompted a petition to re-open them.

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## Sunday market back after a decade

A SUNDAY market will return to Walsall for the first time in more than a decade. It will be brought back in the run-up to Christmas to help stallholders take advantage of the extra festive trade in the town centre.

The pitch is due to set up on December 23 to boost business for market traders on what is currently a non-trading day.

The market is also due to open on the three Thursdays ahead of Christmas Day as part of an agreement with Walsall Council in a bid to boost profits for traders.

It is believed to be the first time in a over decade that a Sunday market has been held in the town centre.

It comes after it recently emerged stalls could be hit with a £5-a-day rent increase from next year in a bid to raise

£100,000 a year for the cash-strapped council, which is facing massive financial pressure.

Chairman of the Market Traders Association Tony Lerner welcomed the news. Mr Lerner, who has been operating in Walsall for 12 years, said: "It is an extra shopping day and there are lot of places open on the Sunday."

### Rents

"It will be the first time since I have been there. It is a good thing as Christmas is one of the main periods for shopping."

Moves to increase rents has been unveiled as part of the budget proposals, although market workers are due to meet with the authority to discuss the issue.

It comes as independent experts have been brought in by the council to analyse the historic pitch and find a permanent new home.

Initial findings found it is popular, with a large number of stalls but long overdue investment is needed to make them better.

However, a full report on the issue is due to go before the council before the end of the year.

The market is temporarily in Digbeth but needs to move due to work on the multi-million-pound regeneration of the Old Square Shopping Centre.

Figures this year show the market's income was £313,745 in 12 months – helping to cover shortfalls at market sites such as Willenhall.

## TRADERS PLANNING A RETAIL 'REBIRTH'

A WEBSITE designed to promote independent shops in Walsall town centre could be launched by February thanks to funding received from a Government scheme.

Members of the Walsall Town Team recently secured £10,000 after making a successful bid to the Town Team Partnership, a £5.5 million fund, created as an offshoot from the Portas Pilots scheme launched by retail guru Mary Portas.

The decision was made by the team to invest the money into a website to advertise independent businesses. The new website will feature individual profiles of businesses that pay a nominal fee to feature their business.

Carl Mitchell, local trader and a member of Walsall Town Team said that the website was the first part of the "rebirth" of the town centre, with hopes being that at some point in the future a loyalty card system could be on offer to provide people with a selection of regular offers for local shoppers.

He said: "Walsall's wouldn't have a town centre without these shops. We can't beat the big brands on price or marketing but we can beat them by providing a one to one customer driven experience."

He also said that talks with the web designers were coming to an end and that work would soon begin on its creation with a launch planned for February.

Portfolio holder for Walsall's Regeneration, Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "I think it's a brilliant idea and the fact that it has been done by the private sector is wonderful."

"We are helping them wherever we can and I believe it will be successful."

"It's going to have really good impact on Walsall town centre. We welcome anything big or small that will make a difference in the area."

### Report by Tom Mason

The team also announced that talks were underway with the council to repeat last month's popular night market on a quarterly basis.

Meanwhile, the popular 'Wonderful Willenhall Christmas' is returning by popular demand to the town for its second year.

### Rink

Members of Willenhall Traders and Community Support have spent months organising the day-long event in Market Place and Stafford Street, that will take place on Saturday, December 1, from 10am to 5pm.

This year's festival will feature a free ice rink, entertainment stage with local performers, fire jugglers and stalls selling craft and Christmas goods.

Guided tours of the town's heritage area a new addition to this year's event.

But most important of all for the children will be the arrival of Father Christmas at his grotto.

## Showcase for student skills

FROM fashion to signmaking, students from Walsall College will be showing off their skills at a national show being held at the NEC.

Hair and beauty, clothing design and signmaking students will all be showing what they can do at The Skills Show, which will be attracting thousands to Birmingham's NEC today (Thursday) to Saturday.

The show aims to highlight opportunities in further education, training and apprenticeships.

College principal Jatinder Sharma said: "We are thrilled that our students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents and be part of such a prestigious event which recognises the value of vocational skills."

Signmaking apprentices will show their digital print skills by wrapping a Jaguar XJF. Fashion students will show their designs on a catwalk show and hair and beauty students will style the models.



Walsall College students will show off their fashion skills at the NEC, from left, Zella Keay, aged 17, Sophie Hewson, 18, Hannah Massey, 18 and Georgia Homer, 19

## Grant aid hope for children's music hub

EDUCATION bosses in Walsall have deferred a decision on whether to fund a music service which is facing severe budget cuts.

Forest Arts Music Hub, which offers children the chance to take part in festivals and workshops, will lose more than £300,000 over the next two years.

Walsall Schools Forum has been asked to provide financial support.

Chairman Max Vlahakis said he expected a grant to be agreed in December. The forum has supplied £38,000 in each of the last two years.

### Discuss

Mr Vlahakis, also head of Alumwell Junior School, said primary and secondary school headteachers would meet to discuss the issue before the forum reconvenes.

"There seems to be a lot of positivity about this service, certainly among the primary schools which certainly see the benefits of it," he said.

"They teach various instruments here. We work in an area which is one of the most deprived in Walsall and it is all about giving our children opportunities."

He added: "I'm pretty sure funding will be agreed."

It emerged last week that the Leamore music service's budget will be slashed by £159,673 next year and a further £185,190 during 2014/15.

## Green space protest plan

CAMPAIGNERS fighting for the future of Walsall's green spaces and countryside services will stage a protest outside the town hall on Monday.

Members of a newly-formed group will be outside the hall ahead of a meeting of the council. Save Walsall's Green Spaces and Countryside Services has raised concerns over proposals to cut £400,000 from the department dealing with the borough's parks and greenery.

The group has also set up an online petition.

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Veterans on parade at Walsall's service



Members of the Sikh community about to lay a wreath



We will remember them - saluting the dead

# Crowds pay respects as the borough remembers

**THOUSANDS** of people gathered together across the borough to remember and pay their respects to the country's war dead.

Walsall's mayor Councillor Dennis Anson joined members of John Henry Carless' family to place a wreath on his memorial in Lichfield Street, Walsall, on Sunday morning.

Walsall-born Mr Carless was awarded the Victoria Cross for "bravery and devotion to duty" during the First World War.

The mayor then led a civic procession from the Council House to the cenotaph in Bradford Place where an open-air service was conducted by Rev Mark Kinder, Vicar of St Paul's at the Crossing.

People gathered at the cenotaph were invited to join in singing hymns, accompanied by The Staffordshire Band and members of the Credo Singers.

Buglers from the Staffordshire Band sounded The Last Post before a rifle salute to mark the two minutes' silence was given by members of 4 Mercian.

## Wreaths

The buglers sounded the Reveille before the mayor led the laying of wreaths.

Rev Kinder gave the blessing and people were invited to sing the first verse of the national anthem.

Councillor Anson said Remembrance Day was a time of poignancy and reflection. He added: "It was well attended."

"I was born just before the Second World War and I can remember the end of it. It's always a bit emotional for me."

John Henry Carless was 21 years old and an Ordinary Seaman in the Royal Navy during the First World War.

On November 17, 1917, at the Second Battle of Heligoland Bight, off the German coast, Ordinary Seaman Carless of HMS Caledon, although mortally wounded in the abdomen, continued to fight the enemy and help casualties. He collapsed but got up again and cheered on the his new gun crew. He then fell and died.

The action in which John Henry Carless earned his Victoria Cross was part of the last big ship engagement of the First World War.



The mayor Councillor Dennis Anson takes the salute outside Walsall Council House



A young cadet bows in respect



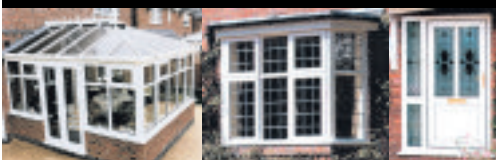
Crowds gather at the cenotaph in Walsall to pay their respects



The mayor looks on as veterans march through Walsall

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## Work starts on building new homes at old depot

WORK on more than 130 new homes at a former council depot in Walsall is under way as part of a five-year programme.

The estate is being built on the demolished Norfolk Place depot in Leamore following a £7 million land swap deal.

Hundreds of staff were relocated to a new Walsall Council base in the grounds of the old Wagon Automotive in Brownhills last year.

The land swap between the council and developers Mar City created a regeneration site. Permission for some 250 homes was granted by planners. Buildings at the depot were demolished to make way for redevelopment.

Taylor Wimpey bought half the site and are building a total of 134 properties over the next five years as part of its Jubilee Gardens scheme. It will include two, three and four-bedroom homes ranging from coach houses to terraced and semi-detached town houses.

Anne Wallace, sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey Midlands said: "We are excited to be delivering such a major scheme to the area. Jubilee Gardens will provide more than 130 high-quality homes for discerning property-seekers in Walsall."

Up to 400 staff including the street cleaning workers have moved in to the depot in Pelsall Road, Brownhills.

## St Martin's gets £10,000 from Tai Chi

AN EXERCISE group that meets at St Martin's Church in Walsall has raised over £10,000 for the church.

The Tai Chi group was started by St Martin's Church member Jane Quinn in 2008, to help provide a gentle form of exercise for people in the local community.

Jane and her sister, Jackie Watt, have given their time freely to run the Tai Chi group, donating all the money they raise to St Martin's Building For The Future Fund.

These donations have now totalled a massive £10,160 since 2008.

The Tai Chi group is run at St Martin's on Thursday morning and Monday evening each week.

# Stabbing victim praises 'guardian angel'



Victim David Walton

A FATHER-OF-TWO from Walsall has spoken about the terrifying moment he was stabbed seven times by a masked man in an unprovoked attack. David Walton was left with life-changing injuries following the attack at the hands of Scott Coley, then aged 17, his next-door neighbour.

Coley, now aged 19, was locked up for 18 years after being found guilty of attempted murder.

Mr Walton told how the attack had devastated his "perfect life" and paid tribute to the "guardian angel" he credits with saving his life.

He said: "I relive the bit on the stairs over and

over and over again. I'd gone to bed and Tracey, my partner, was in the shower. I'd fallen asleep and the next thing I remember is being woken up to Tracey screaming her head off. She'd seen the door open and there was this guy there all in black.

"I pushed her out of the way and went into the hallway to get him out of the house."

As Mr Walton lay bleeding on the stairs of the home in Hawthorn Road, Shelfield, neighbour Pearl Rogers rushed to his aid.

"Pearl had heard the shouting and she came out of her house, ran up the stairs and helped me," said

Mr Walton, 45. "She saved my life on the stairs that night. She is my guardian angel."

Mr Walton said he was indebted to police and medics who had helped him following the attack on July 31, 2011. He spent two weeks in hospital, endured three operations and faces more.

Injuries to his arm have left him unable to continue as an electrician. Mr Walton, father to John, aged 21, and Daniel, 18, said: "I loved my job. I went to the gym three times a week since I was 16. Now all of a sudden, I'm stuck in the house all the time, worried about what I'm going to do next."

# Teen locked up for bid to murder his neighbour

A TEENAGER from Walsall who tried to kill his next-door neighbour by stabbing him seven times in an unprovoked attack has been locked up for 18 years.

Scott Coley was just 17 when he armed himself with a nine-inch 'Rambo-style' hunting knife, donned dark clothes and a balaclava and attacked David Walton. He was found guilty of attempted murder at Shrewsbury Crown Court last week and blew a kiss to his family as he was sent down.

A jury took just over 15 hours to reach a majority verdict of 10 to two in the case, which the judge described as "uniquely difficult".

## Cannabis

Jurors heard that Coley, now 19, kept a collection of knives which he liked "shiny and sharp".

He had smoked cannabis all day before the attack in Hawthorn Road, Shelfield, on July 31. He claimed to have had a blackout and unknowingly let himself into his neighbour's home with a key his parents had for emergencies.

Mr Walton, a cousin of Coley's father, was stabbed seven times and left with life-threatening injuries, which required two weeks of hospital treatment.

Judge Robin Onions sentenced Coley, of Hawthorn Road, to 18 years in a young offenders' institution.

He said the case was a reminder that cannabis can be six times stronger today than in recent years.

He said he did not regard Coley as dangerous, so long as he remains off drugs. But he said: "Only you will know why you committed this offence. I believe this was a pre-meditated offence. This was a sustained assault over a period of time with a deadly weapon."



Attacker Scott Coley had been smoking cannabis

## Knifeman a fan of violent game

THE trial heard that Scott Coley was an avid player of the violent video game Battlefield: Bad Company 2.

In the opinion of leading psychiatrist Dr Srikanth Nimmagadda, the cannabis smoked by Coley brought on a "very short-lived, violent psychotic episode" during which he was not in control.

He thought Coley was deluded that he was a character from the game, that led him to dress in a similar way to the characters, arm himself and to attempt to kill. "I think there is some link between the game and the knives and what he did," the psychiatrist told the court.

## You Mo it makes sense



Walsall students Danielle Nicholls, 18, and Liam Talent, 17, join the November fun

MOUSTACHES are sprouting on faces at Walsall College as students and staff take part in the November charity campaign.

The annual campaign to raise awareness of prostate and testicular cancer is growing in popularity, with increasing numbers of men taking part each year.

Walsall College students are being encouraged to get involved in the campaign.

## Health

The Students' Union is giving people a helping hand by selling fake moustaches - so the female students can get involved as well - and November badges, with all proceeds going to The Prostate Cancer Charity.

A range of activities have also been taking place to encourage male students to be aware of health issues affecting them.

November was established in 2003 by a few friends over a beer in a pub just outside Melbourne, Australia.

The goal was simple - to create a campaign promoting the growth of the moustache among like-minded people and having fun along the way. The plan is to change the face of men's health, one moustache at a time.

The November movement now spans the globe, with campaigns in 21 countries this year.

## NEWS in brief

### Toys and models sale for collectors

A TOY and train collectors fair will be held in Walsall Wood on Sunday.

The event, now in its 22nd year, will take place at Oak Park Leisure Centre, in Lichfield Road, from 10.30am to 3pm.

It attracts hundreds of collectors looking for toy cars, commercial and military model vehicles, model railways and accessories.

Admission costs £1.50 for adults, £1.20 for seniors and 60p for children.

### Road is closed for resurfacing work

A ROAD closure will be in place over two Sundays for carriageway resurfacing works in Brownhills.

It is being carried out along Lindon Road, between the junctions of High Street and Harley Close.

Restrictions will operate on November 18 and 25 between 6am and 6pm.

### Church Christmas fair is for charities

A WALSALL church will hold its Christmas fair on December 1.

The Broadway United Reformed Church, in Broadway North, will be raising money for charity from 2pm, with stalls including books, toys and plants.

Money raised will go to the Teenage Cancer Trust and Breadline Africa.

### Songs and cakes at a festive event

A CHRISTMAS fair with cakes, tombola and performances will be held at Pelsall Methodist Church on Saturday. There will be singers and dancers at the event in Chapel Street from 11am.

It costs 50p admission although it is free for children accompanied by an adult.

### New menu at club's revamped restaurant

THE bar and grill restaurant at Calderfields Golf and Country Club, Aldridge Road, Walsall, has recently been refurbished and has launched a new menu. The club is in 100 acres of parkland and has an 18-hole golf course.

### Walkaround the water

WALSALL group of the Ramblers will be heading to Carsington Water, near Ashbourne, for a six and a half mile walk on Sunday.

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**A NUMBER** of you have asked whether the infection threatening our ash trees, will become known as the Welsh disease. Die Back.

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**SO** it's official. The Government is so committed to the idea of Police Commissioners that they don't really care whether you vote or not on November 15. Home Secretary Theresa May says there is no question of the elections being declared void no matter how few people vote. Yet I detect no enthusiasm at all to elect candidates we have never heard of into £100,000-a-year jobs that probably don't need doing on the strength of policies that have not been properly explained, using an electoral process which was roundly rejected in last year's AV referendum.

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**SOME** readers tell me they will be spoiling their ballot papers. One promises to vote for "utter waste of money".

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**"THEY** were brown and they looked nice." The reason some idiots give for eating wild fungi without having a clue what they are, as related on Radio 4 by TV chef Valentine Warner.

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**ONE** of life's little milestones came around, the renewal of my passport. One thing has changed in 10 years; the instructions for the photograph are now very stern. There must be no smiling, no reflective spectacles, no headgear and the head must be kept bolt upright. This is a bit of a blow to those of us who look particularly dashing smiling whimsically over the top of our reading glasses from beneath the brim of a mole skin fedora. The passport snaps turned out as grim as I expected but at least I appear to be alive, unlike in my 2002 passport photo which looks like a death mask. In years to come archaeologists will be puzzled by the curious discovery that, although foreign holidays were supposed to be happy events, the only people who went on them looked really miserable.

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**ANNOUNCING** a project to count the number of red-haired folk in Scotland, a BBC report informs us: "For a child to have red hair, both parents must be carriers." For heavens sake, it's a colouring, not a disease.

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**FOUR** more years. As President Obama looks ahead to his new term, does he pause to reflect on the bright, well-educated, sophisticated population of 315 million Americans he leads? A friend is just back from a holiday in the tropics which included one day swimming with the dolphins. An American lady announced loudly: "I read the Bible and the Bible tells me that after I die I will see all my days swimming with dolphins, and that is why this is so important to me." And she's got the vote. God Bless America.

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**IF** you, the readers of this column, are surprised by lines such as "a fan club" and "you're a big girl's blouse" in Anachronism Abbey (ITV), why on earth do experienced actors not rebel? Before every episode of Downton the cast read through the script, sitting around a table. Surely at that stage these modern phrases must jar terribly. Does no-one have the nerve to point out to Julian Fellowes that his scripts are less than perfect?

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**ANYWAY,** for all its curious turns of phrase, Downton has been the best thing on telly for years. It was one of those series you just wanted to go on and on. I must assume that Mr Bates will finally admit his guilt as a murderer in the Christmas edition (or Winterval Holiday Special as Fellowes may call it).

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Less sick days since staff talk to nurse

STAFF at Walsall Council have taken less time off ill in the past year following the introduction of a scheme that sees workers forced to talk to nurses if they call in sick.

Absence levels have reduced from 10.45 average days per employee to 9.13 in the 12 months since the scheme launched. The aim is to cut absences and the use of costly agency staff at the cash-strapped authority.

As part of the project, staff have to

speak directly to a nurse when ringing in sick.

Councillor Chris Towle, Walsall Council's portfolio holder for finance and personnel said: "A reduction in sickness levels was one of my key objectives when I took over this portfolio.

"It's been 12 months since the sickness absence reporting centre was introduced at Walsall and it's made a difference to our sickness levels by reducing sickness from

10.45 to 9.13 average days lost per year.

"This reporting system has brought additional benefits to staff including the opportunity to speak to a registered nurse on the first day of their absence, who can advise them about treatment and whether they should see their GP, a confidential helpline during office hours and quicker referrals to physiotherapy, counselling and occupational health.

"This reporting system also helps estimate return to work dates and identify any long-term issues which may have an impact on services."

There were more than 700 fewer lost days in the first two months the scheme was launched compared to the previous year. In November to December 2010, there was the equivalent of 7,425 lost days across the council through sickness absence. In the same period in 2011, there was 6,647.

## Father beat son because he got grade C in an exam

A FATHER beat his 14-year-old son for getting a C-grade in his school ICT exams, a court heard.

The 43-year-old from Walsall, who cannot be named for legal reasons, appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week.

The court heard how the victim told police officers: "His main concern was what I got in ICT. He swore and started hitting me on the head, arm and foot with a stick."

The father admitted assaulting the child on September 6 last year.

Judge Martin Walsh told him: "This requires a therapeutic rather than punitive sentence although that is not to undermine the gravity of violence against a child."

### Unacceptable

The man was given an 18-month community order under supervision.

The judge added: "This is dependant on you co-operating with the social services department and hopefully will bring about a resolution in the breakdown in the family that is the result of your violence."

"Any parent will have experienced periods of frustration when dealing with a growing child developing their own personality and flexing their muscles but your reaction was absolutely unacceptable in the way in which you resorted to physical violence."

## Gas work to close a road

A SECTION of a busy road in Bloxwich will be shut for two weeks from Monday.

Gas main replacement work is due to be carried out at the Crossfalls Road junction with Willenhall Lane, near to the level crossing.

The project is due to be undertaken by West Midlands Gas Alliance on behalf of National Grid Gas.

The road closure expected to come into force on Monday, November 19, and remain in place until the end of the month, operating 24-hours a day.

## Historical host

HISTORIAN Professor Carl Chinn will be the host of the Mayor of Walsall's civic awards. The broadcaster and author will hand out the awards on November 23 at the Banks's Stadium.

# JP is sorry she cannot punish laser man more

**A BENTLEY** man who shone a laser pen at a police helicopter in flight over Walsall, distracting the pilot, was told his actions could have had "devastating" results.

Matthew Robinson was branded "stupid" by the presiding magistrate at Walsall for his actions last month but walked from court after being landed with a fine and costs totalling £344.

**by Craig Hughes**

Magistrates were restricted to sentencing him to a fine but told the 24-year-old self-employed contractor that he should have faced a more severe punishment for his actions, which took place near Fishley Lane, in Little Bloxwich, on October 12.

Prosecutor Val Hart said the police helicopter was requested to the area at around 9.30pm after complaints from two other pilots of being struck by a laser light as they approached Birmingham Airport.

### Cockpit

There were reports of three men fishing in the area. When the police helicopter arrived, a green laser was shone and illuminated the cockpit for several seconds, causing the pilot to be distracted.

Mrs Hart said the potential affects of such actions could be "devastating".

The helicopter pilot contacted police on the ground.

Robinson was fined £235 and ordered to pay £85 costs and £24 victim surcharge.

Presiding magistrate Olwyn Mellor said: "I can't believe you were so stupid as to do something like this."

"I am only sorry that we can only fine you today, because if it was up to me you would be having a far more serious punishment."

Forfeiture and destruction of the laser pen was ordered.

## £67,000 bill for march

ALMOST £70,000 has so far been spent on the policing operation for an English Defence League rally held in Walsall town centre in September.

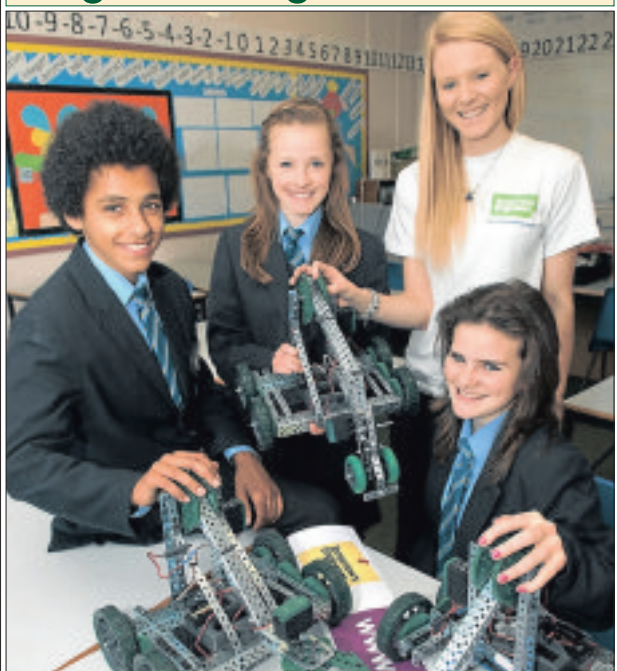
West Midlands Police last week announced the current cost stands at more than £67,000. But this is set to rise further as overtime payments are still to be paid to other police forces that provided manpower.

Hundreds of officers lined the streets of the town centre for the rally in Leicester Street. A total of 30 people were arrested after trouble broke out and missiles were thrown at police officers.

A counter-protest by groups opposed to the EDL was held at Gallery Square, close to the New Art Gallery, but passed peacefully.

The total bill for the security operation to date is £67,151.03, West Midlands Police said.

## Engineering their future



Aldridge School pupils Rueben Bowen-Wood, Mollie Darrock and Phoebe Ash, all aged 13, with Sara Ashdown from the Tomorrow's Engineers scheme

YEAR 9 students at Aldridge School took part in the two-day Tomorrow's Engineers event, which included an X Factor-type contest and hands-on workshops.

The pilot project held at the Tynings Lane school was run by Tomorrow's Engineers, a scheme led by Engineering UK and The Royal Academy of Engineering.

They held workshops where students worked with robots, found out how to crack

codes and challenged stereotypes about engineering.

Justine Rumsey, assistant headteacher, said it was the first event of its kind at the school and had been a huge success. "Tomorrow's Engineers is about inspiring the next generation of engineers and making students realise engineering impacts on so many industries, from music and mechanics to manufacturing and motoring," she said.

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## Builders' college is winning support

BUSINESSES have jumped at the opportunity to support the soon to be built West Midlands University Technical College (UTC).

The UTC is to be built on the former Sneyd Community School site in Vernon way, Bloxwich, and is due to be completed in 2014.

The institution won its bid to become one of 15 technical colleges countrywide and will be the only construction-led centre in the UK. It will teach around 600 14-19-year-olds a curriculum focused on construction alongside key GCSEs. It is designed to reflect the needs of the construction industry. Some 15 companies are sponsoring the college.

Judy Lowe, deputy chairman of CITB-Construction Skills and chairman designate of the UTC, said: "University Technical Colleges have the ability to transform the country's prospects and student's lives. They are an invaluable addition to the education landscape because they remind us that there is an urgent need in this country to develop skills not solely academically based."

West Midlands Construction UTC Programme Director Nigel Donohue said: "With our partners, we are building the foundations for a future of high-value, skilled workers adept for a modern construction industry, so fundamental to the growth of the industry in the West Midlands."

## Gifts sent to Camp Bastion

A SCHEME saw residents, businesses and police officers in Walsall collect gift boxes for Royal Navy personnel in Afghanistan.

"A total of 64 boxes containing toiletries, flip flops and flannels were sent to personnel in Camp Bastion."

The Bin Relay collection was the idea of Walsall PC Emma Smith, whose son is a Royal Navy officer.

It was supported by the public and businesses, including WS1, Vogue and Couture nightclubs, B&M, Walsall College, Tesco, Asda George Street and Asda Living, Police Mutual and Village Hotel.

Walsall Chief Superintendent David Sturm, who served in the Gulf himself, thanked those who supported the scheme.

## Tougher measures aiming to halt metal thefts at memorials

METAL thieves who steal from war memorials are to face tough new penalties.

The Scrap Metal Dealer's Bill, which comes into effect next month, will give the police stronger powers to target rogue traders.

Walsall's historic Barr Beacon War Memorial has been repeatedly targeted for copper before a £440,000 restoration project got under way last month.

And scores of other memorials across the Black Country have been stripped of brass plaques, which have then been sold off for cash.

Across the West Midlands, Staffordshire and West Mercia police force areas it is estimated metal worth more than £34 million has been taken in the last four years.

Crime Prevention Minister Jeremy Browne, announcing the crackdown last

week, said: "These thieves show an utter disregard for the memory of the courageous men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country."

### Shadow

"The Government is determined to stamp out this illegal trade, which, in recent years, has cast a shadow over Remembrance Sunday for bereaved families."

"That is why we are reforming the scrap

metal industry to support legitimate dealers and tighten the net around those who flout the rules."

There are roughly 1,000 metal thefts a week, which cost the country at least £220 million each year.

The Bill will also increase financial penalties under the existing regulation of the scrap metal sector and give police new powers of entry to tackle illegal trading.

# Leisure plan to build new centre with pool

PLANS to improve leisure services in Walsall will involve demolishing the leisure centre in Walsall Wood and building a new facility.

The new Oak Park Leisure Centre would be built on playing fields to the rear of the site. It would be constructed before the old building was demolished, plans submitted to Walsall Council show.

More than 100 parking spaces would be created, along with new junior football pitches, while the existing artificial pitch would be refurbished to include new floodlights.

The new centre would also include an eight-lane 25m swimming pool, a teaching pool with moving floor, a large sports hall the size of six badminton courts, a fitness suite, health spa, dance studio and catering facilities.

According to the plans, to be considered by the council next month, the Football Association is keen to support the development of the site, off Lichfield Road, as a football campus.

### Partners

Planning officers have met with Walsall Wood FC and Walsall Swimming Club as potential partners for the operation of the new centre.

Many people positively to have responded to the proposals, although concerns were raised over the loss of squash courts and the lack of individual showers.

Several people also wanted a 50m pool, but it has been deemed "impractical" and "unaffordable".

A planning statement, submitted with the proposals, says: "The new development will 'fit' into the local area and provide a focus for multi-purpose community provision, alongside the adjacent primary school, the youth club building opposite the existing site and the existing Scout group, who themselves are aiming to develop a new building."

by Lisa O'Brien

Meanwhile, a councillor has called for a large Olympic-standard swimming pool to be created in Walsall following the success of homegrown talents.

Multi-million-pound plans for a revamp of leisure centres are already being put forward for Bloxwich and Walsall Wood.

Darlaston councillor Doug James has welcomed those £14m moves to develop new leisure facilities but said more could be done to capitalise on the successes of Nick Gillingham and, more recently, Paralympic double gold medal winner Ellie Simmonds, by creating a 50-metre Olympic size pool in the borough.

"What a fantastic legacy an Olympic standard pool would bring to Walsall," he said

"Instead of our young swimmers having to journey far and wide to train and compete we could attract galas, national and international swimming events to Walsall."

"Let's have an aspirational plan that the whole town can be proud of - for an inspirational state-of-the-art, Olympic pool length 50m, eight plus lanes wide with a diving area that would boost local involvement in swimming; attract people to our town."

## Dance school makeover for warehouse



Richard Freakley at the former furniture warehouse in Walsall Wood which has been transformed into his dance school, called Dance It Studios

A NEW dance school was opening this week in Walsall Wood after an empty warehouse was given a £40,000 makeover.

The Dance It Studios will cater for more than 100 dancers - learning styles from ballroom to streetdance - and was due to open in Ricspur Works, Walsall Road, last weekend.

Work has been carried out on a new floor, lights, sound system, roof repairs and toilet facilities over the last few months.

### Converted

Dance classes including salsa and ballroom, will be taught from the converted former pine furnishings warehouse.

Lessons in street dance will also be offered with plans to provide fitness sessions as part of the activities for everyone enjoying dance, aged three and above.

It is being run by Richard Freakley who has spent two years trying to find the ideal location for his own dance studio before settling on the current location.

It is due to be open five days a week from Monday to Thursday and Saturdays from 2pm onwards, which could increase depending on demand.

## NEWS in brief

### Air cadets looking for new instructors

THE commanding officer of Aldridge Air Training Corp is looking for volunteers to help with the running of the organisation - and military experience is not necessary.

425 Squadron are looking for people aged 20 years and over to become civilian instructors to help with the training of cadets.

The group helps young people aged 13 to 17 to obtain qualifications.

For more information contact Flight Lieutenant Sarah Morris-Bates online at website oc.425@aircadets.org

### Festive event for church restoration

A CHRISTMAS craft fair is being held at a church in Willenhall to raise funds for its restoration appeal.

It will be at Holy Trinity, Short Heath, on Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

The restoration appeal to raise £65,000 was launched last year, and more than £4,000 has since been raised.

### Traffic lights for sets of road work

TEMPORARY traffic lights will be in force in Walsall this week for water and gas main works.

They will be in force in Primley Avenue, Alumwell, from yesterday (Wednesday) to Tuesday.

Temporary lights will also be in Darlaston Road from yesterday to tomorrow (Friday).

### Santa set to put in appearance at pub

A FESTIVE fair is being held in Pelsall for Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday, December 1. It is at the Railway Inn, Victoria Road, from noon to 5pm.

There will be an appearance by Father Christmas. Call 07557 334654 for details.

### Musical event in aid of charitable trust

A LIVE music charity night is in Walsall later this month in aid of the charity the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

It is being held at Rushall Labour Club tomorrow (Friday) at 8pm. Admission £2.50.

### Christmas craft fair

PELSALL Community Association hosts a Christmas craft fair on Saturday at its Station Road base. Handmade items will be available at the event from 10am. Admission is 40p.

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## NEWS

Focus on country park  
scheme at arboretum**PLANS** for a £400,000 country park to encourage more people to visit Walsall Arboretum are being put under the microscope by experts.

Council officers are drawing up a detailed blueprint to see just how feasible the idea is. They will look at the funding, management and scale of the project to transform the former nine-hole municipal golf course in the Arboretum Extension into a country park. It would feature a wildflower meadow and with a land train.

The council and Arboretum User Group are backing the proposal, which is hoped will bring more people into the extension and arboretum as a whole.

## Recreation

The aim is to provide better opportunities for walking, cycling, recreation and commuting along traffic-free routes. It will fit in with the multi-million transformation of the arboretum which is currently under way.

A new report to the council states: "We propose carrying out a feasibility study to look into the scope, viability, potential funding and management options available to create a Walsall Country Park which extends east through the Arboretum from the town centre."

The golf course was closed down by council chiefs in January 2010.

Leisure bosses said it was losing £36,000 a year and was part of widespread budget cuts to help claw back millions of pounds.

Ideas to save the course included an increase in green fees of up to 40 per cent but this was scrapped.

The authority then first started looking for an external operator to step in and take it over. But no-one suitable was found and the country park idea was pursued.

## Celebration for platinum pair



Bram and Joan Pritchard, of Walsall, celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary

A CHANCE meeting on the number 11 bus was a ticket to a lifetime of love for a Walsall couple who have celebrated their platinum wedding anniversary.

Bram Pritchard made a point of sitting next to Joan as he boarded the bus from West Bromwich to Friar Park in 1940. And love soon blossomed between the pair.

Mrs Pritchard said: "I was sitting on the bus coming back from night school and my now-husband made a point of coming and sitting by me each night. We got off the bus together and never really parted."

The pair wed at Wednesbury Registry Office on November 7, 1942. A year later, daughter Pauline came along, followed nine years later by son Anthony after Mr Pritchard, who worked at the General Electric Company in Witton, returned from service in the Royal Navy.

For 18 years, Mr and Mrs Pritchard, who live on the Yew Tree Estate, ran sequence dance classes at West Bromwich baths. "We've made so many wonderful friends through dancing," said Mrs Pritchard, who worked at British Typewriters.

The couple have five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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## NEWS

# Golden Girl shows her medals to young fans



Star swimmer Ellie Simmonds met schoolchildren and chatted to staff and customers at Reedswood Sainsbury's. The former Cooper & Jordan school pupil chatted to customers about her amazing Paralympic Games, at which she scooped two golds, a silver and a bronze in the pool.

The Aldridge teenager, who turned 18 on Sunday, dropped into Sainsbury's in Reedswood last week to thank the people of Walsall for their support during the summer.

The swimmer was also quizzed by pupils from nearby Lodge Farm Primary School, who asked her about her spectacular summer and her hopes for the future. She took her medals with her to show and posed for pictures with shoppers.

Paul Davis, Reedswood store manager, said: "The excitement on the faces of all the children, customers and colleagues was brilliant to see."

"Being a local girl, from just round the corner, everyone here was so proud of her achievements this summer and it was amazing to have her come home."

Ellie was also given some cakes to celebrate her 18th birthday.

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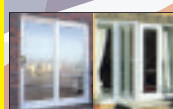
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## NEWS

# Order will use law to disperse gangs of yobs

A NEW dispersal order which has come into force in Blakenall will see gangs of yobs being moved on.

It follows complaints from residents over anti-social behaviour, noise and nuisance. Police also have powers to return anybody under the age of 16 to their home address between the hours of 9pm and 6am. The order, granted with agreement from Walsall Council, will run until April 8.

Hawbush Road, Beeches Avenue and Stag Hill Road line the edge of the dispersal order area. The zone will also Archer Road and Roebuck Road.

### Priority

Councillor Zahid Ali, chairman of the Safer Walsall Partnership, said: "Anti-social behaviour across the borough is a major issue and whilst as a whole it is decreasing it remains a priority for all partners."

"There is a lot of good work taking place to make people feel safer and the dispersal order will add to this."

"Partners will continue to utilise the powers available to them to tackle these issues and there will be zero tolerance towards anti-social behaviour in our borough. Firm action will be taken against those whose behaviour makes life a misery for others."

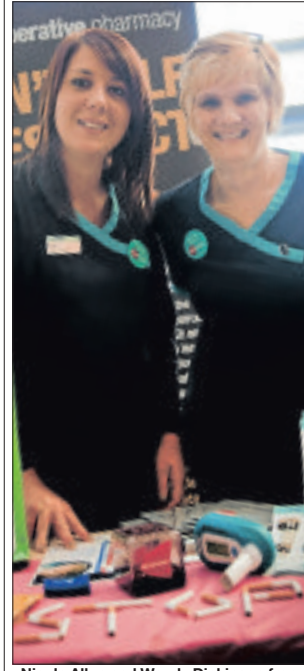
Refusing to disperse when ordered is a criminal offence and could result in a fine of up to £5,000 and/or up to three months in jail.

### Hospice rooms revamp

TWO bedrooms at a hospice in Walsall have been refurbished thanks to a £14,000 donation. Acorns Children's Hospice in Walstead Road has benefited from the funding given by the Thomas Cook Children's Charity.

The rooms have been redecorated and have new furniture and fittings. Acorns' head nurse Hilary Ball said: "The faithful support of the Thomas Cook Children's Charity has made an enormous difference to the care of our children. It costs £750 per child per day to provide Acorns' care."

## Anti-smoking campaign



Nicola Allen and Wendy Dickinson from the Midcounties Co-operative Pharmacy

STUDENTS at Walsall College have been given support and advice to quit smoking as part of the NHS campaign, Stoptober.

Wendy Dickinson and Nicola Allen from The Midcounties Co-operative pharmacy visited the college to give pupils tips on nicotine replacement therapy and to teach them about the dangers of carbon monoxide.

A breathalyser test was available to measure the CO levels of willing participants and a cube of tar was on display highlighting the amount of tar that builds up after smoking for two months.

Pradeep Prabhu, pharmacy support services manager, said: "We are hoping that by raising awareness, more people will understand the risks of smoking, see the benefits of quitting and know where to come if they need help."

"The smoking cessation services within our pharmacies have been very successful so far. Between June 2010 and August 2012 our four week quit rate was 52 per cent which is six per cent higher than the regional average."

"We are hoping that by raising awareness, more people will understand the risks of smoking, see the benefits of quitting, and know where to come if they need help."

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## NEWS

## Helping Darcy's dream



Kindhearted Freda Gregeen, aged 63, with Darcy Blake-man, four, after raising £2,000 for the youngster by a sponsored swim at Bloxwich Leisure Centre

SHE did not learn to swim until she was 50, but that didn't stop Freda Gregeen from taking the plunge to raise money for her sick neighbour.

The grandmother from Great Wyrley swam 31 lengths at Bloxwich Leisure Centre, raising more than £2,000.

The money will go towards a dream holiday at Disneyland Florida for four-year-old Darcy Blakeman who has been diagnosed with an acute form of leukaemia.

Freda has known the youngster, whose family lives across the road, since she was born and was distraught to learn in May of Darcy's illness.

"She's a lovely little girl," she said. "I wanted to do something and my lovely husband started the ball rolling with £100."

Freda, of Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, took just under an hour to complete the distance in the pool at Bloxwich, with Darcy's brother, Toby, aged seven, as lap counter.

## Memories being sought

MEMORIES of Walsall Arboretum over the past 60 years are being sought to compile into a book. The book will go on show at the new visitor's centre to celebrate the regeneration of the arboretum and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year. Email [mike.jackie@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mike.jackie@tiscali.co.uk)

# Bid to sell toilets for alternative use of sites

PUBLIC toilets in Walsall could be sold and redeveloped. Alternative uses are being looked at for loos in Pelsall, Rushall, Willenhall, Aldridge, Brownhills and Blakenall Heath.

by Craig Hughes

Former public conveniences elsewhere in the country have been transformed into luxury cottages, hotels, cafes and delicatessens.

Cash-strapped Walsall Council is looking at permanently shutting public loos around the borough as part of moves which could save £120,000 next year.

## Significant

Bosses are now looking at whether they could be used for other purposes or the land sold off.

Council leader Mike Bird said their closure would be a "significant" saving as some are in a poor condition.

A new report to the authority reads: "The impact is likely to be on the elderly or young who may need greater use of public conveniences but other, better, facilities are available in the areas such as libraries and supermarkets."

"The closure of the district public conveniences will make the land/buildings available for re-use or sale."

The toilets have already been temporarily closed at Rushall and Brownhills and the permanent closures will save on repairs and maintenance costs.

As part of the plans, shopkeepers may be given cash incentives to allow the public to use their toilets. The move has already been put into practice in Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley.

Other options being considered under the proposed savings are 88 jobs being axed, the cost of school meals rising and stallholders at Walsall Market facing a £5-a-day rent rise in a bid to help save £13 million overall.

A consultation period has now been launched over the council's draft budget.

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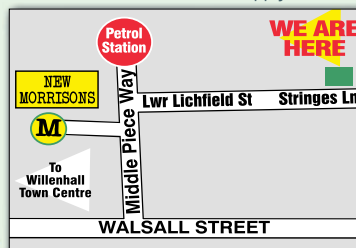
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satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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## NEWS

## Limit is put on council staff tally of days off

**TIME off accrued by flexi-time workers at Walsall Council is being cut from 20 days a year to eight after some staff were found to be abusing the system.**

by Mark Mudie

Employees will still be able to claim time off in lieu when they are asked to exceed their contracted hours by chiefs, finance boss Councillor Chris Towe said.

The changes will come into effect from January 1. "What we are doing is setting a new limit of two days off through flexi-time a quarter, rather than five," Councillor Towe said.

### Claim

"Anyone asked to work extra time will still be able to claim time off in lieu.

"Five days a quarter on flexi-time was far too much but eight days a year will bring us in-synch with other public sector organisations." He continued: "I have no intention of removing flexible time working but we have to make sure what we do is fit for the needs of the council. As the new scheme does not come into effect until next year, we cannot give any data on potential savings."

Unions were consulted and workers affected notified.

Council leader Mike Bird said: "Having analysed the usage on our system it was found that some people had been utilising excessive flexi-time and adding it on as holidays.

"As a result we have addressed this issue and we are confident that our staff will be happy with what they get.

"Two days a quarter is enough."

Flexible working helped Walsall's £21 million New Art Gallery to re-open on Sundays. The council previously said there were no plans for additional staff.

New opening times started on September 30. It is expected to cost £15,000 up to the end of March to re-open the gallery with 30 staff.

## Keeping the dream alive



Singing postman Nathan Farrell from Bloxwich

SINGING postman Nathan Farrell has beaten the competition at the regional finals to make it through to the next stage of the UK open mic championship later this month.

The 26-year-old father-of-two from Church Street, Bloxwich, will perform at the Midlands area final in Bedford on November 25 having beaten 23 fellow competitors at the Birmingham regional final.

Nathan's rocky start to the competition nearly saw him out before he even managed to get in, thanks to a very late entry to the auditions.

### Impressed

But he impressed the judges at the regional final with his performance of Michael Bublé and Julie London standard Cry Me a River. He said: "It was the best performance I have ever done and the judges response was brilliant."

At his next performance he will compete against 30 other hopefuls and will sing his own exclusive track, Keep Your Dreams Alive. He said: "It is my dream to be a professional singer. I love singing. It's what I do best."

Mr Farrell is no stranger to singing contests as he has been in seven including preliminary rounds of The Voice and The X Factor.

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## Back to the 80s fundraiser

DIG out the leg-warmers, the 1980s are back... in Pelsall tonight (Thursday).

Reverers will be transported back to the time of New Romantics at the Fishley Park venue in Fishley Lane, for a charity event. Christine Watton has organised the event in memory of her husband Craig, who passed away last year from bowel cancer.

The 80s extravaganza will take place a year and a day since 39-year-old Mr Watton died. The trucks parts advisor was a big fan of 80s music. Tribute band A Kick Up the 80s will perform, singing hits from the likes of Michael Jackson, Human League and Boy George.

Mrs Watton, originally of Willenhall, now of Birchover Road, Walsall, said: "I decided to do something positive to mark the first anniversary of his death and to raise money for Bowel Cancer UK. The charity has given me so much help over the past year I wanted to give something back."

Mrs Watton has organised the event along with her daughter Jordyn. Tickets cost £8 and can be bought by calling 07875 503608. The show starts at 7.30pm.



Jordyn Watton and mother Christine Watton with a poster for the nostalgic 1980s night party for charity

## NEWS

## Seven candidates seeking election as commissioner

IT is regarded as the biggest change to policing in 50 years and will see a single figurehead take charge of West Midlands police force.

Today (Thursday) people across the country will go to the polls and be asked to select a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for their region.

Many commentators and politicians have argued there is no need for PCCs, but the Government decided to press ahead with the plans. They hope it will make police forces more accountable and give the public a single figurehead to look to if they feel they are not getting the service they expect.

PCCs will replace police authorities, which have previously been described by Home Secretary Theresa May as "unaccountable, unelected and invisible".

### Adverts

But despite the immediacy of what will represent the biggest change to policing in five decades, the election has failed to grip the public. Not even adverts on Saturday night prime-time TV during X Factor have been able to stir the masses. In fact, the Electoral Reform Society is projecting a turnout of just 18.5 per cent.

Mrs May has stood firm on the issue of turnout, refusing to say whether a vote on a 10 per cent or 15 per cent turnout of the 35 million eligible electorate would be considered to be a democratic mandate.

The candidates for the West Midlands are: Matt Bennett (Conservative), Bill Etheridge (UKIP), Cath Hannon (Independent), Bob Jones (Labour), Ayoub Khan (Lib Dem), Mike Rumble (Independent), Derek Webley (Independent).

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## LETTERS

## Think Olympic scale, council urged

RECENT announcements from Walsall Council Leisure Services that reveal plans to develop new leisure and swimming facilities by attracting external funding are to be welcomed. However, once again the ambitions of our local swimmers are to be let down by the lack of vision by council leaders.

Walsall people will know of Nick Gillingham, Olympic Silver and Bronze medalist, and have been thrilled by the huge success of Ellie Simmonds in the swimming events at both the Beijing

and London Olympics. Why do we not respond to their historic achievements by delivering an Olympic size 50 Metre Pool for Walsall?

What a fantastic legacy an Olympic standard pool would bring to Walsall. Instead of our young swimmers having to journey far and wide to train and compete, we could attract galas, national and international swimming events to Walsall.

Walsall Council does not 'think big'. We do not have a theatre to compete

with Wolverhampton, Dudley or Birmingham. We now plan small-scale leisure pools.

If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well. Let's have an aspirational plan that the whole town can be proud of, for a state-of-the-art 50 metres long Olympic Pool, eight plus lanes wide with a diving area.

CLLR DOUG JAMES  
Horton Street  
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## Cuts pose a threat to green land

REGARDING your front page article about Walsall Council's proposed budget cuts. You failed to point out that the second largest proposed cut of £400k is from ground maintenance and green spaces.

Can I please urge all of our readers who enjoy our local nature reserves, green spaces and the work of the local rangers to have there say at walsall.gov.uk/budgethaveyoursay. There is also a Facebook page dedicated to the cause 'Save Walsall's Green Spaces and Countryside Services' where you can find out more.

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## Our elections need a lot more 'pizzazz'

I READ the letter you published by Noel George with alarm and surprise. With all the 'hoo-ha' going on about the American election very little notice is being taken of our own police elections.

The election for a police and crime commissioner takes place at your local polling station on Thursday, November 15, and I think it is very important that people go out and vote for the best man for the job.

As to who that is, I cannot say at present, as I have not received any information from any of the candidates in my area and I am concerned about this laxity all round. Where are the posters and speaker vans we used to see in years gone by? Our elections lack something the Americans call 'pizzazz' nowadays.

As a victim of crime on several occasions, I would like to see more active policing in my area and would like to know what is going on a bit more. If I wanted note-taking to be the end of it, I'd phone the press not the police.

MR JOHN W BRISTOW  
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## Goodwill is answer in bin topic

RAY Hammond and a 'Walsall Council executive director' miss the simple two-part solution to this obsession about our hard-working refuse collectors' performance.

1: Respect and courtesy toward those in a low-paid job that few of us would volunteer for.

2: Be neighbourly, whether or not your neighbour is impeded, move their bin back for them.

One huge advantage of being the first to clearly demonstrate goodwill, is that others might reciprocate. If not, then console yourself with being a decent human being.

That the 'executive' doesn't show deference to the youths, refuse collectors and citizens of the borough suggests the epicentre of this discourtesy.

Perhaps we can now dispose of this rubbish topic?

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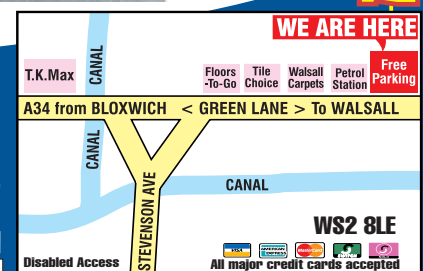
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**has now decided to branch out on**  
**his own.**

Maz has launched Mirchi in a prime location in Turnberry Road, Bloxwich. The estate on which it stands has been crying out for a restaurant. Since it was built, householders have had to venture in the town or further afield to get their curry feast. There is a pub, the One Man And His Dog, as well as a supermarket and a chip shop, but Maz now looks to have filled that gap in the market.

## Varied

His words to us on leaving were: "Wish me luck." However, he will not need it.

Less than a month after opening, the 60-seat Mirchi already seems to be creating a name for itself. Maz is well-known to locals, having worked at the nearby Zeora, so many familiar faces are coming to try out his new venture.

Word of mouth appears to be spreading very quickly as we arrived to find a very busy restaurant on a midweek night.

Much of its early success is down to the pleasantness of the staff and friendly atmosphere but the proof is in the pudding, as the saying goes.

Obviously, poppadoms were the order of the day, but we also tried chicken shashlik for starters, an ideal appetiser. There is a varied menu, from house recommendations, tandoori fusions, sea food dishes and chef's exclusives, as well as the more traditional fare.

I was recommended the salmon tawa biran with baby potatoes, cherry tomatoes, garlic and chilli. It needed no second invitation and in turn, I advocate it to anyone else. Sharon went for the sweet and creamy makkon chicken, which also went down a treat. We followed with desserts from the extensive list.

Mirchi is open from 5.30pm on Sunday to Thursday and from 5pm on Friday and Saturday. Diners are asked to take their own alcoholic drinks.

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## NEWS

# Dancers on wheels make skate club a big success



Momentum Artistic roller skaters, front, from left, Samantha Meridith, Jessica Timmins, and Abbie Fryer-Gould, pictured with fellow members of the popular club based in Rushall and Willenhall

YOUNGSTERS who are wheely keen on becoming a member of a popular sports club in Walsall had better get their skates on.

Momentum Artistic Roller Skating Club has a waiting list after growing from three to 25 members in a year.

Coaches Tessa Goodhead and Terri Fryer started the group which meets at Manor Farm Community Association in King George Crescent, Rushall, and at E-Act Academy in Furzebank Way, Willenhall.

Tessa, a 37-year-old software manager from Featherstone, said:

"People walk past the door, see what we're doing and want to have a go. Two girls travel from Coventry every week to take part.

"It's like Dancing On Ice but on an ordinary floor.

Roller skaters perform all the tricks, such as triple jumps and spins, as the ice skaters do. We even wear the same style costumes.

"It's very skilled but because it's so little known in the UK, funding is very difficult. We're hoping that will change."

Members Samantha Meridith, aged

eight, won gold, and Abbie Fryer-Gould, nine, took silver at a recent competition in Essex.

Tessa said: "I've skated all my life but took a break to concentrate on my career. Then I put my skates back on a while ago and got the bug back. I thought we could do something really special here, and I think we have."

The club was delighted to have found venues after being turned away by centres that were concerned that the roller skates would ruin their floors. "It's a shame because the skates don't do any damage," she added.

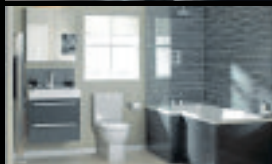


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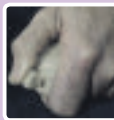
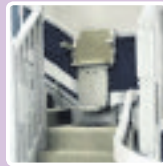
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### CLUB NEWS

Talk on life and loves of Chanel

#### CHASE TERRACE LADIES CLUB

LINDA Mountford gave a talk at the last meeting about the life and loves of Coco Chanel.

Born Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel in 1883 in the south of France, she died in 1971 aged 88.

One of six children, her mother died at 31 leaving them in the care of a father who promptly put the three girls in to a convent and never saw them again.

At 18 she left the convent with her siblings, gained employment as a seamstress, then sang in cabaret where she gained her nickname. Her first love was Etienne Balsan, a young, rich soldier. Their love of riding made them a match and she became his mistress and lived in his chateau.

She described the love of her life as Arthur Edward "Boy" Capel, who financed her first shops.

At the same time Jean Raudier had invented the material known as jersey. She bought all his stock and made cardigans with pockets out of it.

Arthur was killed aged 37 in 1919 and Coco was devastated. It was while she was living with him that she began designing hats.

During the 1920s she perfected her look. The little black dress, costume jewellery, the Chanel bag and her signature No 5 perfume.

At the beginning of WWII she closed her shops, moving to Switzerland in 1945 and back to Paris in 1954.

## International event hears work of Oxfam



Region president Judith Healey, Team President Ronnie Reynolds and Jenna Wills

TEAM president Ronnie Reynolds introduced Jenna Wills from Oxfam as the guest speaker at St Cannock & District's International Evening - an annual event celebrating the work of Soroptimists throughout the world.

Members were pleased that Region President, Judith Healey, was able to join them. She lit the candle to represent Soroptimist members internationally.

Jenna explained how Oxfam was set up 70 years ago by a small group who met in an Oxford library; they wanted to do something

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to help people in Greece who were affected by famine. Jenna talked about the need for clean water and asked members to consider doing something to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8 2013.

Secretary Janis Lomas gave the vote of thanks and presented Jenna with a donation from the club for the charity's continuing work.

## An insight into 'Poisoner'

#### HEDNESFORD A TOWNSWOMEN

AT THE October meeting members listened to an informative talk by Anthony Hunt on notorious Rugeley poisoner Dr William Palmer.

Most local people have heard of Dr Palmer but Mr Hunt gave an insight into his upbringing and his relationship with his mother, which may have had a bearing on his later misdeeds. There was no lunch

club in October as members enjoyed a Trent River cruise which included lunch.

The South Staffs craft day on October 20 at Aldridge was a great success. Hednesford's sale table raised more than £120 for its charity fund. Diary dates include:

Wednesday, November 21 - a coffee morning and craft sale at Avis Wilding's home, starting at 10am; November 28 - visit to Walsall Leather Museum and Boundary Mill for lunch and shopping; December 12 - the Christmas lunch at The Orbital

Meetings are at 2pm at St Peter's Church Hall on the second Monday of the month.



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# Boss promises bin round cuts will not harm service

## Charity shop plea for help

A PLEA for donations of unwanted items has been made by staff at a charity shop that supports people in Walsall and Sandwell.

Staff at the YMCA shop, in Digbeth, Walsall, say they are running low on stock and are appealing for donations ranging from clothing and furniture to electrical items and bric-a-brac.

Assistant manager Amanda Bassett said: "We are struggling for stock at the moment."

"We take everything and can arrange to pick up furniture free of charge."

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YMCA volunteers Kim Field, Sharon Truss and assistant manager Mandy Bassett

## Fee warning to licensees

LICENSED premises in Walsall are being warned their licence will be suspended if they don't pay their annual fees on time.

Council licensing officers are urging the likes of pubs, clubs, off-licenses, late night takeaways and places of entertainment that they need to make the payments.

Many of the annual fees are due to be paid by November 24 and it is an

offence to carry out any licensable activity, such as sale of alcohol, late night refreshments or indoor sports events without the licence.

Suspension notices are issued to premises that have not paid. It comes into effect if payment is not received by the council within seven days. For more information call (01922) 653583 or contact via email licensing@walsall.gov.uk

**COLLECTION rounds will be reduced and binmen's Christmas overtime scrapped under new £800,000 cost-cutting plans for waste services in Walsall.**

Council bosses are also planning to halve the number of green bins they buy and let brown bins go uncollected for five months instead of three over the winter.

If approved, the changes will come into force next year as part of the council's bid to save a total of £13 million. But councillors said the changes would not impact on the level of services delivered to residents.

Reducing the number of bin collection rounds in the borough from 15 to 14 will save £300,000. The removal of binmen's overtime at Christmas, which will see extra festive waste instead collected by street cleaning staff during normal working hours, will save £30,000. Brown bin collections suspended for five months would cut costs by £340,000.

### Proposals

Councillor Tom Ansell said: "The draft proposals being considered will not see a reduction in service to residents."

"A review and re-scheduling of rounds could result in us being able to reduce our domestic rounds from 15 to 14 and trade collections from four to three without affecting the service. Additional side waste created over the Christmas period could be collected by other environmental operatives during normal working hours, avoiding Christmas overtime payments."

"Less green bins are being replaced than we have budgeted for, which brings a saving. Residents can be assured that any bins that need to be replaced will be."

"The extended closedown of the brown bin service over the winter months will allow the service to be delivered in a different way, again bringing about savings, and brings us in line with the closedown period of neighbouring local authorities."

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#### in brief

#### Tickets sell fast for rock music festival

MORE than 400 tickets have been snapped up for Walsall Music Festival featuring rockers Reverend and The Makers.

The day-long festival is taking place on Saturday, December 1, and is likely to be a sell-out. A total of 1,200 tickets are on offer for the event at Walsall Town Hall.

Reverend and The Makers will take to the stage at 10.30pm, following Walsall singer-songwriter Gary Nock and other bands.

Tickets are £16 from 0845 111 2900.

#### Boot sale is in aid of supporters' club

AN INDOOR car boot sale will be held at Walsall FC's supporters' club on Saturday. Tables are still available at the Bescot Crescent venue for £5, £7.50 or £10.

Doors open at 9am for sellers and 10am for buyers, with entry costing 30p. Money raised will go to the supporters' club.

To book a table call 01922 649840 or 01922 621179.

#### Dentist's donation

A DENTIST has donated books to a Walsall school. Yusuf Kaderbhai, principal dentist at WS4 Dental Care in Lichfield Street, presented year six children at Hydesville Tower School with maths and English books during a special assembly.

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### Callum in a Channel pool swim for charity



**Callum Grocutt in the pool**  
A 12-year-old boy has swum the equivalent of across the English Channel for charity.

Great Wyrley School pupil Callum Grocutt managed to clock up 22 miles at Bloxwich Leisure Centre, swimming 1,800 lengths over a number of days. His achievement was part of the Aspire Channel Swim 2012 challenge and, in doing it, he has raised more than £200 for the charity helping people with spinal injuries.

His mother Donna, aged 35, from Bloxwich, said: "I'm so proud of him, he's worked so hard to complete it, going every day on his own to raise the money for charity. We all went to see him finish and gave him a big cheer."

Callum would go to the pool up to twice a day over the 10-week period to complete the 22 miles.

# Support growing on move to close busy level crossing

**MOVES to close a busy level crossing and create a new pedestrian bridge in Bloxwich have won public support – meaning the project is a step closer to becoming a reality.**

The plans to block the crossing at Reeves Street have been put forward by Network Rail and Walsall Council as part of the electrification of the Walsall to Cannock line.

The crossing is used by drivers going between Bloxwich and nearby residential and industrial estates. A bridge for pedestrians and cyclists would be built to replace the lost route.

The nearby Central Drive bridge would be strengthened to cope with the extra traffic.

There were initial concerns about the impact on moving traffic to other routes and forcing lorries onto residential streets.

#### Proposals

However, a consultation exercise in the summer has revealed many people are in favour of the replacement measures. Further firm proposals are now due to be established.

Walsall's transport chief, Councillor Tom Ansell, said: "We have now concluded the initial consultation and would like to thank everyone for taking part."

"It is clear from the responses we received that many are in favour of introducing a pedestrian footbridge and widening and strengthening the Central Drive bridge so we will be

by Craig Hughes

working with Network Rail to develop more definite proposals for the area."

He added, though, that not all the feedback was positive and those results have also been passed on to Network Rail.

"We owe it to the local community – residents, business owners, motorists and pedestrians – to find out what they think about the proposals," Councillor Ansell added.

"The responses have been mixed as we expected and we have now provided the results to Network Rail to progress it further."

"We are now consulting with local schools and parents."

It comes after the Department for Transport agreed £30 million plans to electrify the Chase Line, which runs between Walsall and Rugeley. Under the scheme, the numbers of trains per hour will be increased, speed of the line will go from 45 to 75mph and the 20mph speed limit in Bloxwich removed by closing the level crossing.



Team GB gymnast Harry Owen visits pupils at the Mirus Academy in Bloxwich Lane

### Team GB star is an inspiration

A TEAM GB gymnast somersaulted his way into a Walsall school to chat to pupils and give a masterclass of his sporty skills.

Harry Owen visited the Mirus Academy in Bloxwich Lane last week.

The three to 11 year-olds from the academy took part in a question-and-answer session with the star and watched demonstrations of his abilities.

#### Involved

More than 400 pupils were involved in the Sports for Schools initiative, which aims to inspire youngsters to get involved in activities.

Academy vice-principal Julie Wall said the visit had proved a big success for everyone involved, particularly the children.

"They thought it was absolutely brilliant, they really enjoyed it and some said they wanted to be a gymnast," she said.

"They thought Harry was very good, we talk about inspiring a generation and he certainly did."

### Centre to host gym taster for all children

BLOXWICH Leisure Centre is hosting a free gymnastics taster session on Wednesday, November 21, for children.

The session for youngsters aged between four and 16 is being held between 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

It is described as suitable for all children, from those with no gymnastics ability to those who have already studied various disciplines.

#### Discount

Sessions will run every subsequent week at £4 per session and will be available on a first come first served basis until Christmas.

There will be a discount if paid in advance for all of the sessions up to the Christmas break.

A course of 10 weeks starting in January 13 will cost £40.

### Community shop boost

A CHARITY shop has raised more than £4,000 for Bloxwich Community Partnership since opening just over a year ago.

New 2 Me opened at Blakenall Community Centre in August last year. The shop is run by volunteers, with the help of the community donating and buying goods.

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## NEWS

# Cameras could be used in new park yob crackdown

CCTV cameras could be used in crime-hit parks as Walsall Council is looking at using cameras to catch troublemakers.

Vandals, arsonists and fly-tippers have targeted borough parks nearly 350 times in 12 months and there is a perpetual problem with dog fouling.

Council leader Mike Bird said a hard-hitting approach to capture those responsible was being considered by the authority.

Covert cameras have already been used in other areas to catch fly-tippers and can be made infra-red to be used in the dark.

Councillor Bird said: "If any green spaces are subject to anti-social behaviour of any nature we have got to crack down on that."

"We need to see how we can improve the quality of our green spaces and encourage more and more people to use them."

"There are some people saying they don't want to go 'because...' and we have got to get rid of the 'because'."

The use of cameras in crime-hit areas is being looked at as part of the council's parks strategy for the next five years.

Recent figures showed there total of 348 reports of bad behaviour and vandalism in parks from July last year to July this year.

The biggest complaints were glass debris from drinkers, vandalism of gates, bins, benches and play areas, and graffiti.

# Sunday extra hours bring more visitors

NEW Sunday opening hours at The New Art Gallery Walsall have attracted more than 1,400 extra visitors in just over a month.

Figures show an average of 250 people have visited the town centre gallery each Sunday since the end of September.

But bosses believe visitor numbers could be even higher because the people calling in at Costa Coffee beforehand are not being accounted for.

Gallery director Stephen Snoddy believes opening on Sundays for four hours will attract an extra 20,000 visitors per year.

He said: "We are delighted with the strong attendance figures on a Sunday."

by Lisa O'Brien

"We hope that continues. "We had a large number on the opening weekend of the Damien Hirst exhibition but the figures worked out to about 250."

More than 550 people visited the gallery on the first Sunday after work by influential artist Damien Hirst, went on show.

## Families

Mr Snoddy said: "We have roughly 400 people coming in on Sundays because some people will go in through Costa."

"It has definitely been worth reopening on Sunday. It will bring in 20,000 extra people a year. A lot of people come in with their families on Sundays so we are doing

family workshops once a month."

Sunday openings were axed last year under budget cuts but council chiefs said that reopening on Sundays would be crucial in the gallery's bid to host the prestigious Turner Prize in 2015.

Mr Snoddy said staff were now expecting to hear by the end of this week whether the venue had been shortlisted.

"If we are shortlisted we will be interviewed in December and the winner will be announced in January," he added.

"There have been nine expressions of interest." The gallery could expect 100,000 visitors over three months if the Turner Prize bid was successful.

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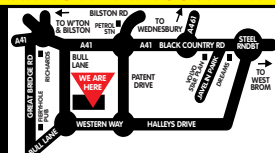
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## MEMORY LANE



The first Black Country council housing (W'ton Archives) which is now the site of the Evans car showroom in Wolverhampton (seen above)



Built before 1920 – Stream Park, Kingswinford (Picture: M Whitehouse)



Interwar housing at Rough Hay, Darlaston



Cottages on Kates Hill, Dudley

# History is preserved in these 'ordinary' streets

WANDERING around the Black Country (as I do) it's all too easy to miss the history preserved in apparently ordinary streets.

One story not often told, but particularly important to the area is the history of council housing.

Every third home in the Black Country was built by a local authority and for the first three quarters of the 20th century the figure was nearer a half. So, hundreds of thousands of family histories are tied up with this particular kind of architecture.

Despite its far-reaching implications, the first chapter in the story of council housing in the Black Country hasn't left us much of a visible legacy. In fact its beginnings are now only archaeology, inauspiciously buried under an unmarked car park in Wolverhampton.

Soon after the first council house was built in London in the late 19th century, Wolverhampton Borough commissioned a terrace of cottage tenements. Between 1902 and the First World War they stood

by Paul Quigley

Landscape Archaeologist  
The distinctly black country network

alone as the only municipal housing in the Black Country. Demolished in the 1980s, the site on the Birmingham Road is now a car dealer's forecourt.

Despite this loss, most council houses built in the Black Country are still around today (as opposed to council flats, which have not lasted so well). So we can put together a story of the rest of the 20th century in surviving buildings.

### Different

The candidates for the oldest standing council houses in the Black Country all originate in the plans for the end of the First World War, the start of widespread house-building by municipalities.

Complicating the picture in the Black Country were the literally dozens of councils covering the area. Each had a slightly different approach and probably used different architects.

Examples built before 1920 include the

houses on Kate's Hill, Dudley and on Stream Park, Kingswinford.

The experience of house building in the inter-war years also differed between Black Country councils: those on the coalfield like Bilston, Darlaston and Tipton struggled to find suitable land and often had to level pit mounds and the topping of shafts before they could plan new estates.

Even then they had to avoid canals and railways criss-crossing the area leading to estates being severed from older settlements, such as the so-called 'Lost City' in Tipton. Houses built next to the canal at Rough Hay, Darlaston were typical of those built on former colliery land in the 1920s.

By contrast, in the days before the green belt, towns around the edge of the 'Black Country proper' were able to plan larger estates expanding over farmland. Bristnall near Smethwick and the kilometre-long Low Hill estate near Wolverhampton are legacies of this approach.



A plan of Low Hill from 1928 (Picture: W'ton Archives)

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# What's On! Walsall

## Open mic night for young performers

AN OPEN mic night will be held at Bookmark Bloxwich for young singers, songwriters, rappers and musicians.

The event will take place at the Elmore Row venue on Friday, November 23. Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

Admission is free but prospective entertainers should call (01922) 712069 to reserve a slot in the show.

## Epic opera to get cinema screening

OPERA will be beamed live from London's Royal Opera House to a cinema in Walsall.

Showcase, in Bentley Mill Way, will be showing Hector Berlioz's Les Troyens on Sunday afternoon. Tickets from £12.50.

Starring a world-class cast including Bryan Hymel, Les Troyens is described as opera at its most epic. The story from Virgil's poem The Aeneid is set after the fall of Troy.

It will be shown at 1pm on Sunday and a recorded version will be screened on Tuesday at 7pm.

## Getting their Drift

TICKETS are available for The Drifters Review Cabaret show in Walsall this weekend. The Drifters tribute act will perform two hours of music and there will be a three-course meal at the Banks's Stadium on Saturday.

Tickets cost £30 and are available by calling (01922) 414416.

# Get poppin' and lockin' for hit hip hop show at Grand

**SOME Like It Hip Hop**, the acclaimed dance musical, is coming to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre next week as part of its first UK tour since wowing dance fans in London.

ZooNation's follow up to their smash hit Into The Hoods, Some Like It Hip Hop blends elements borrowed from Hollywood and Shakespeare with pure dance energy for a story about cross-dressing women taking on a man's world.

## The original Hoodie on Arena stage

ODDSOCKS theatre company return to Wolverhampton with a comic romp taking a sideways look at Britain's most famous legendary outlaw.

Described as an energetic and musical production suitable for all the family, The Adventures of Robin Hood will be staged at Wolverhampton Arena Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, November 21 and 22.

Also returning to the Wulfruna Street venue are acclaimed comedy dance duo Rannel, who tonight (Thursday) make hip hop hilarious with 2Deep, their sequel to the acclaimed FHip FHop.

Directed by Kate Prince and featuring original music from Josh Cohen and DJ Walde, the show combines comedy, physical theatre and liquid moves from some of the best young hip hop dancers on the UK scene.

## Disguise

It tells the story of two bright girls who refuse to be kept down by a society that bans books and treats women as second class citizens, so they disguise themselves as men. Comic confusion results when romance is involved.

Some Like It Hip Hop forges elements from classic Billy Wilder movie Some Like It Hot and Shakespeare's Twelfth Night into a fresh fleet-footed fantasy.

It's at the Grand on Tuesday and Wednesday.



Cinders will go to the ball – Elisha Willis plays the title role in Birmingham Royal Ballet's popular festive production of Cinderella at Birmingham Hippodrome. She will be sharing the role with six other ballerinas during the run. Picture by Bill Cooper

## Invitation to the ball for a traditional ballet treat

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet's sumptuous production of Cinderella returns to the company's home theatre, Birmingham Hippodrome, to usher in the festive season from November 21 to December 9.

The production by the company's director David Bintley got its world premiere in the city in 2010 and was televised on Christmas Day by the BBC.

The fairy tale is given the full glittering treatment and is perhaps only surpassed by family favourite The Nutcracker as the most popular Christmas ballet.

The skill of the dancers and glamorous costumes will be matched by Prokofiev's music, performed by the Royal Ballet Sinfonia.

## Rotarians hosting festive music night

THE Rotary Club of Willenhall are presenting a Christmas Celebration by Candlelight at the Parish Church of St Giles, Walsall Street, Willenhall on December 12 at 7pm. It is the club's eighth such annual event.

Performers will include the children's singing group from St Giles Primary School, the church's Sunday Cool Group and the popular and the Short Heath Singers. Tickets for the event are £3, available on the night, including a programme and light refreshments.

## Kabaddi play to have its premiere

A PLAY about Indian sport and nationhood gets its premiere at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Monday and is performed at The Public in West Bromwich on Wednesday.

Kabaddi Kabaddi Kabaddi, by Satinder Chohan, explores the sport and the story of India, linking the 1930s with today. Suitable for those aged 14 and over, it is also a love story.

## Nolans tour is off

SINGING sisters The Nolans have cancelled what was billed as their Farewell Tour. It was to have included a concert at Birmingham NIA on March 12.

Cancer survivor Bernie Nolan, 52, recently revealed that she faces a new battle against the disease.

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## What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 17.11.12

## CHOICE



Paddy McGuinness

## Take Me Out

**ITV1, 6.45pm**  
Does Paddy McGuinness have the best job in telly? As if it's not enough that he gets the rewarding task of playing at being Cilla Black, the comic is constantly surrounded by (on the whole) a bunch of rather easy-on-the-eye girls. It seems a long time ago when walked in the shadow of comic sidekick and best friend Peter Kay. He's lined up four more loveless men for tonight's show: Matt, a trainer fanatic from Leicester; Pete, a builder from Chichester; Sam, a BMX champion from Colchester; and Luke, a student from Surrey.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Baking Made Easy. (R) **12.00** BBC News. Regional News: Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Cycling: Track World Cup. **2.00** Live International Rugby Union. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **5.30** Children in Need: The Best Bits.

**6.30** **Strictly Come Dancing.** Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present from Wembley Arena, where the couples dance through the decades, from 1920s Charleston to 1970s disco. Kylie Minogue sings an old favourite.

**8.00** **Merlin.** Morgana hatches a plot to murder the king with the help of an insider under her spell – but when a stable hand becomes caught in the crossfire, he threatens to ruin everything.

**8.45** **The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.** With a performance by duo-wop group the Overtones.

**8.55** **Casualty.** Tamin's refusal to treat an aggressive patient has serious repercussions, while Tom and Sam disagree over the best treatment for a patient with a rare genetic disorder.

**9.45** **Live at the Apollo.** New series. Dara O Briain warms up the crowd before introducing stand-up routines by ventriloquist extraordinaire Nina Conti and the irrepressible Danny Bho.

**10.15** **BBC News: Weather.**

**10.30** **Match of the Day.** Highlights of today's Premier League clashes: National Lottery Update.

**12.00** The Football League Show. **1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: That Darn Cat! (1965) **1.50** Film: Miracle. (2004) **4.00** Pop It! (R) **5.00** Live International Rugby Union. Ireland XV v Fiji (Kick-off 5.30pm).

**7.30** **Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild.** David Attenborough reflects on his TV career, examining the changes in the natural world as well as the developments in wildlife film-making since he began in 1952. (R)

**8.30** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and the platoon dress as firemen to take part in an initiative exercise. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

**9.00** **Formula 1: The United States Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.** Jake Humphrey introduces a chance to see the session from the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, where the 19th and penultimate round of the season is set to take place.

**10.15** **The Rolling Stones: Crossfire Hurricane.** Part one of two. Documentary charting the 50-year career of the rock band, with contributions by Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts, Ronnie Wood, Bill Wyman and Mick Taylor.

**11.15** **Sings the Rolling Stones.** Compilation of artists covering classic songs by the Stones, including performances by Gene Pitney, Thelma Houston, Chris Farlowe, Patti Smith, Marianne Faithfull, Devo and Melanie.

**12.15** The Rolling Stones: Rock and Roll Circus. (R) **1.20** Later with Jools Holland. (R) **2.25** Film: Night of the Living Dead. (1968)

## ITV1

**6.00** CITV: Mickey Mouse Clubhouse. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** The Hive. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** The Avengers. **7.25** Rated A for Awesome. **7.40** Rated A for Awesome. **7.50** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.05** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.20** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.35** Shake It Up. **9.00** My Phone Genie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Dinner Date: Australia. **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.10** Holiday Home Sweet Home. **2.10** Holiday Home Sweet Home. **2.10** Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. (2005) **5.15** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.30** ITV News: Weather. **5.45** The Golden Rules of TV.

**6.15** **New You've Been Framed!** Featuring a family having fun with a Taser.

**6.45** **Take Me Out.** A Leicester fitness fanatic, a builder from Chichester, a BMX champion from Colchester and a Surrey student take part in the dating show.

**8.00** **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents the seventh live studio round as the remaining acts battle to win praise from the tough-talking judges and persuade viewers to pick up their phones and vote. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

**9.20** **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** The famous faces enter their second week in the jungle.

**10.20** **ITV News: Weather.**

**10.35** **Film: Fast & Furious.** (2009) Thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker.

**12.30** The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.35** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshports on 4. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** Channel 4 Presents – Lee. (R) **9.00** T4: Example at Tunes Festival 2012 Special. **9.30** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.35** T4: Suburgatory. **11.15** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.40** Deal or No Deal. **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

**6.55** **Channel 4 News.**

**6.55** **Caught by TV.** Members of the public reflect on whether faith is a matter of nature or nurture, in light of scientific studies that suggest humans may be programmed from birth to believe in a god.

**7.00** **Heston's Fantastical Food.** Heston Blumenthal is given access to Europe's largest ice-cream factory to build the world's biggest 99 Flake – taller than five metres and weighing in at more than a ton. (R)

**8.00** **Film: Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.** (2009) The shape-changing robots fight for control of a machine hidden somewhere on Earth with the power to destroy planets. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Shia LaBeouf.

**10.50** **Film: The Crazies.** (2010) Premiere. Horror remake, starring Timothy Olyphant.

**12.50** **Film: Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives.** (2010) **2.40** Hollyoaks. **4.45** Countdown. (R) **5.30** Make Do & Mend. (R) **5.55** Channel 4 Presents. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** ThunderCats. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.55** Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan. (R) **12.55** Film: The Train Robbers. (1973) **2.45** Film: Brannigan. (1975) **4.55** News Weekend. **5.00** Film: Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes. (1984)

**7.40** **NCIS.** Tony's cover is blown as the hunt for La Grenouille intensifies and his car is later destroyed in an explosion, leaving the rest of the team convinced he is dead. (R)

**8.35** **NCIS.** The agents are called to the scene of a car accident in which a petty officer was killed. (R)

**9.25** **CSI: NY.** A woman who was nearly beaten to death identifies her son as the attacker, but a convicted drug dealer later confesses to the crime, forcing the team to investigate his motives. (R)

**10.25** **CSI: Miami.** Part one of two. The murder of a journalist is linked to a Miami council leader, and Horatio comes up against an old adversary. Guest starring Malcolm McDowell.

**11.20** **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Part two of two. Brass fights for his life after being shot, while the team tries to focus on investigating the death of a man decapitated on a train track. (R)

**12.15** **SuperCasino.** **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** International Rugby Union  
**8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45** Film: Bruce Almighty (2003) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey, Jennifer Aniston and Morgan Freeman. **11.20** Family Guy

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Metalworks! – The Golden Age of Silver **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity **9.00** The Killing III **11.00** Chateau Chunder: When Australian Wine Changed the World

**ITV2**  
**4.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.35** Film: The Flintstones (1994) Fantasy adventure, starring Dennis Quaid and featuring the voice of Sean Connery. **9.20** The Xtra Factor **10.20** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.25** Take Me Out – The Gossip

**ITV3**  
**3.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** Murder, She Wrote **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.00** Film: The Portrait of a Lady (1996)

**ITV4**  
**2.05** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **7.20** Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **7.00** The Motorbike Show **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: Firefox (1982) **11.45** Hamish & Andy's Euro Gap Year

**E4**  
**3.30** Made in Chelsea **4.30** Baggage **5.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Rules of Engagement **9.00** Ride Tube **10.05** Film: Shooter (2007)

**2.50** Post Grad (2009) **4.35** The Day After Tomorrow (2004) **7.05** Big Momma's House (2000) **9.00** Hush (2008) **10.45** Pitch Black Heist **11.00** Don't Look Now (1973)

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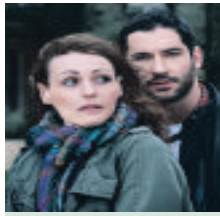
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## What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 18.11.12

## CHOICE



Suranne Jones

**The Secret of Crickley Hall**  
**BBC1, 9pm**

If there's one upside to the dark, cold November nights, it's that they provide the perfect conditions for snuggling up on the sofa and watching a spooky drama. Suranne Jones and Tom Ellis star as Eve and Gabe, a London-based couple who move to the north, hoping a change of scene will help them recover from the mysterious disappearance of their young son. Sadly, their new home of Crickley Hall proves anything but comforting, as things go bump in the night – and flashbacks to 1943 suggest the building could have a tragic history.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.25** Countryfile. (R) **1.20** Bargain Hunt. **2.20** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.20** Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) **4.20** Lifeline. **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.20** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **5.50** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **6.20** Countryfile. John Craven and Julia Bradbury are in rural Leicestershire, visiting an Army training camp for dogs and horses, as well as planting 3,000 saplings in an empty field. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **7.20** Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Another couple leave and Girls Aloud perform. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. The team arrives at the National Maritime Museum Cornwall in Falmouth, where objects include a diamond and gold ring with a grim family history. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations. **9.00** The Secret of Crickley Hall. New series. Drama about a grieving London couple haunted by the children who lived in their house during the war. Suranne Jones, Tom Ellis, Olivia Cooke and Douglas Henshall star. **10.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Formula 1: The United States Grand Prix – Highlights. **12.25** Film: Hooper. (1978) **2.00** Weatherview. **2.05** Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **3.05** The Paradise. (R) **4.05** Film 2012 with Claudia Winkelman. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. Masterclass. (R) **12.30** International Rugby Union. **1.30** Cycling: Track World Cup. **5.15** Coast. (R) **5.30** Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. (R) **6.30** Fawcett Towers. Basil decides to enhance the hotel's reputation with an exclusive night of gourmet cuisine. Unfortunately, his new chef is distracted by hapless waiter Manuel. (R) **7.00** Operation Iceberg. Part two of two. The team boards an iceberg to determine what causes them to decay, and Chris Packham takes to the skies to conduct a polar-bear census. (R) **8.00** Sandy: Anatomy of a Superstorm. Documentary using satellite imagery, CGI mapping and personal testimonies to give an account of the effects on New York State of the storm surge caused by Hurricane Sandy. **9.00** Dragons' Den. Ideas and innovations include an update of the paintbrush, a new type of glove for golfers, a driving school for 14-year-olds and an electronic bed stored in the ceiling. **10.00** Harry & Paul. The duo reinvent themselves as Ricky Gervais. **10.30** Match of the Day 2. Highlights of Fulham v Sunderland. **11.20** Hebburn. Jack spends his first day as editor of the Hebburn Advertiser. (R) **11.50** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With guest host Richard Ayoade. (R) **12.20** Film: My Year Without Sex. (2009) **1.50** BBC News. **4.35** Close.

## ITV1

**6.00** CITV: Engie Benji. **6.10** Jungle Junction. **6.25** Jungle Junction. **6.35** Signed Stories. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **6.55** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **7.25** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **8.00** Phineas and Ferb. **8.15** Phineas and Ferb. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** Good Luck Charlie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **10.25** Dinner Date. **11.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.25** Countrywise. **12.40** ITV News: Weather. **12.55** Film: Carry On Henry. (1971) **2.40** The X Factor. (R) **4.00** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **5.00** The Nation's Favourite Number 1 Single. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News: Weather. **7.00** Surprise Surprise. With One Direction, Team GB hockey players and the 60 Minute Makeover crew. **8.00** The X Factor Results. Another elimination and more performances by chart-topping stars. **9.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! The latest stories from the Australian jungle and another unlucky celebrity faces a Bush Tucker Trial to earn food for their hungry fellow campers. **10.30** ITV News: Weather. **10.45** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Patsy Palmer. The EastEnders star talks about her career and personal life. (R) **11.45** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the second round of pool matches. **12.40** The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.40** Motorsport UK. **3.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Extreme Sailing Series. **7.30** Sailing: America's Cup Discovered. (R) **7.55** Channel 4 Presents – Oscar. (R) **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. **12.25** The Simpsons. **12.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.10** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **3.40** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **4.10** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **4.40** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **5.10** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **5.40** Film: Home Alone. (1990) **7.40** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. Members of the public ask whether faith is a matter of nature or nurture, in light of recent scientific studies that suggest humans may be programmed from birth to believe in a god. **8.00** How Britain Worked. Guy Martin helps with the restoration of the oldest surviving Brimham sailing trawler and discovers how Britain acquired its taste for fish and chips. **9.00** Homeland. Carrie and the team struggle to regain control of the operation, Saul visits Aileen Morgan in solitary confinement and Dana presses Finn to come clean about the hit-and-run. **10.00** Film: Watchmen. (2009) At the height of the Cold War, former superheroes discover a conspiracy when one of their number is murdered. Comic-book drama, starring Patrick Wilson and Jackie Earle Haley. **1.05** American Football Live. **4.45** Grudge Match. (R) **4.55** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.50** Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie. (R) **5.55** The Treacle People. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Olive the Ostrich. **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Animal Antics. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Mio Mao. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** ThunderCats. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Roar! The Animal Clinic. (R) **12.35** Film: You've Got Mail. (1998) **2.50** Film: Open Season. (2006) **4.35** Film: Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle. (2003) **6.40** 5 News Weekend. **6.45** Film: Stealth. (2005) Action adventure, with Jamie Foxx. **9.00** Film: Unforgiven. (1992) Two gunslingers help a bounty hunter kill a pair of cowboys who attacked a prostitute. Western, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Gene Hackman and Morgan Freeman. **11.30** Hatfields & McCooks. Anse sends his men out to kill Randall. (R) **12.30** How Do They Do It? (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Han's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Snog, Marry, Avoid? **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **9.00** Sex and Suspicious Parents **10.00** Film: Her **11.00** American Dad! **11.45** Family Guy  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Last Days of Steam **8.00** Michael Wood: The Story of India **9.00** From the Sea to the Land Beyond: Storyville **10.15** Film: Undertow (2009) **11.50** Michael Wood: The Story of India  
**ITV2**  
**3.10** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **4.55** Take Me Out **6.05** Take Me Out – The Gossip **6.50** Film: Twins (1988) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Results **10.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** Girls3nDs  
**ITV3**  
**2.55** A Touch of Frost **4.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Lewis. A college master is found dead at the university's astronomical observatory. **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Cracker  
**ITV4**  
**2.55** Film: Aces High (1976) **5.15** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Resident Evil (2002) **11.00** Film: Bride of Chucky (1998)  
**E4**  
**3.25** Charlie's Angels **4.20** Made in Chelsea **5.20** Scrubs **5.50** Suburgatory **6.20** The Big Bang Theory **8.20** Film: Hot Shots! (1991) **10.00** Misfits **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.30** The Big Bang Theory  
**Film4**  
**3.10** Crocodile Dundee (1986) **5.10** Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) **6.55** Employees of the Month (2006) **9.00** Patriot Games (1992) Political thriller, starring Harrison Ford. **11.15** After the Sunset (2004)

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## Film Choices

## Monday

## A Few Good Men, Channel 5, 11.05pm

Three Navy lawyers are assigned to defend two marines accused of murdering a comrade-in-arms. Their investigation uncovers evidence that the defendants may have been acting under orders, which points to a trail of corruption leading all the way to a top-ranking officer. Drama based on Aaron Sorkin's stage play, starring Tom Cruise, Demi Moore, Kevin Pollack, Jack Nicholson, Kiefer Sutherland and Kevin Bacon. (1992)

## Tuesday

## Hollywoodland, BBC1, 11.40pm

Fact-based mystery focusing on the life and sudden death of actor George Reeves, famed for his role as Superman in the 1950s TV series. The story is told in flashback through the eyes of a private investigator hired by Reeves' mother to unearth the truth surrounding his mysterious fate. Starring Andrew Brody, Diane Lane, Ben Affleck, Bob Hoskins, Robin Tunney, Molly Parker, Kathleen Robertson and Lois Smith. (2006)



The Transporter, Wednesday, Channel 5, 9pm

## Wednesday

## The Transporter, Channel 5, 9pm

An underworld courier lives by a simple code – to never ask what he is transporting. However, when he discovers his latest cargo is alive, his conscience gets the better of him and he faces a dangerous game of cat and mouse with his unknown but powerful employers. Action adventure, starring Jason Statham, Shu Qi, Matt Schulze, Francois Berleand, Ric Young, Doug Rand, Didier Saint Melin and Tonio Descarville. (2002)

## Thursday

## Navy Seals, Channel 5, 10pm

The US Navy's elite commando force embarks on a dangerous covert mission to rescue hostages from an Arab terrorist in Beirut. However, the assignment proves far more serious than expected when they realise their enemies have acquired powerful stolen missiles. Action adventure, starring Charlie Sheen, Michael Biehn, Bill Paxton, Joanne Whalley, Rick Rossovich, Cyril O'Reilly, Dennis Haysbert and Nicholas Kadih. (1990)

## Friday

## Accepted, ITV1, 11.10pm

A high-school student denied a place at any of his chosen colleges resolves to set up an educational institution of his own in collaboration with slacker friends. The ingenious misfits go to great lengths to convince their parents of the college's authenticity, despite its unorthodox curriculum. Comedy, starring Justin Long, Jonah Hill, Adam Herschman, Columbus Short, Maria Thayer, Lewis Black, Blake Lively and Mark Derwin. (2006)

## Pick of the Week

## The past comes back to haunt grieving parents

Many parents will struggle to think of anything more terrifying than their child going missing, but The Secret of Crickley Hall somehow manages it.

Based on a novel by horror king James Herbert, the three-part drama follows a couple who lose their son, and then move into a haunted house.

But while it may sound like a nightmare, it's part of what attracted Suranne Jones to the drama.

She explains: "I think that's the backdrop of any good ghost story – a missing child or some sort of trauma that kind of helps the audience relate to the characters."

So, viewers should prepare to have their bones chilled by this tale of Eve (Jones) and Gabe (Tom Ellis), who live in London with their three children.

One day an exhausted Eve is in a playground with their son Cam, and briefly falls asleep – and when she wakes, the youngster is nowhere to be seen. Although the family cling to the hope that he will be found alive, almost a year passes with no news.

Gabe eventually accepts a new job in the north, believing his wife and two daughters, Loren and Cally, will benefit from a change of scene.

Unfortunately, it seems he may have made the wrong decision in moving to Crickley Hall, which turns out to have a sinister past.

Running parallel to Gabe and Eve's story are the events of 1943, when Crickley Hall was an orphanage, run by Augustus Cribben (Douglas Henshall) and his sister Magda (Sarah Smart).

New tutor Nancy (Olivia Cooke) suspects the children are being mistreated, but no one seems to believe her.

And when back in 2012, Cally and Loren experience visions of a man with a cane, it seems the time periods may not be as remote as we thought.

For Suranne Jones, it's the two timelines that make the drama so unique. "When I read the script, I'd never done anything in the ghost genre, and the narrative of a woman losing her child was the strong bit for me, as well as the two time frames."

"You're following a woman's desperation, but then you'll also see what she doesn't see."

And unlike in most horror films, where you're screaming at the characters to just get out of the haunted house, Eve has a reason for sticking around, even after the family dog runs off in terror.

She becomes convinced that one of the ghostly presences in Crickley Hall is her son Cam, who seems to be telling her that the children hold the key to his disappearance and can tell her where he is....

If it sounds creepy on the page, it should be even more unsettling on screen, and Jones admits she can't wait to see the finished product.

"The CGI guys will get on top of it, there'll be a brilliant composer, the editing will be great... I mean we need to do our job as well, but those are the things that are going to make it jump along the way."

Don't say you haven't been warned. Iain de Caestecker, Maisie Williams, Bill Milner and Pixie Davies also star.



Suranne Jones stars in The Secret of Crickley Hall, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

## Best of the Rest

## Monday

## The All New Gadget Show Channel 5, 8pm

Christmas has definitely come early for Jason Bradbury and Pollyanna Woodward. They are off to Israel, where they test two of the latest underwater cameras in the Red Sea. (Clearly their local swimming baths aren't deemed exotic enough). If you're one of the few people in the world thinking: 'What's the best blender to make a decent leek smoothie, and what battery-powered torch is powerful enough to fry an egg on?' then you're in luck as Jason provides the answer to both questions. The main purpose of the trip is to visit Israel's annual Kinernet networking event for technology enthusiasts. Jason tries out his powered kiteboard, and there's also a guide to powering a mobile phone using water.

## Stephen Fry: Gadget Man Channel 4, 8.30pm

A few years ago Stephen Fry presented a countdown of the 100 greatest gadgets for Channel 4. Now he's back with another strand bound to appeal to those of us whose rooms are usually lit up like Christmas trees with all the things on charge. He'll be sharing his passion for technology, trying out all manner of gizmos and prototypes, as well as attempting to create his own supergadget. Jonathan Ross joins him for the inaugural edition, and they examine how the daily commute can be made more bearable. The world's smallest electric car, an unusual bicycle and a 3D headset are scrutinised, and Stephen designs a fantasy vehicle that would avoid the horrors of traffic jams.

## Tuesday

## Last Tango in Halifax BBC1, 9pm

Don't panic – despite the title, the plot won't involve any naughtiness in a West Yorkshire town. Instead, this six-part romantic comedy focuses on the rather touching tale of Celia Dawson and Alan Buttershaw, former lovers who haven't seen each other for 60 years. After chatting on Facebook, they decide to meet up again, and discover they were kept apart all those decades ago by a simple twist of fate. What's more, the old, passionate feelings for each other are immediately reignited. Anne Reid, Derek Jacobi, Sarah Lancashire and Nicola Walker head the cast.

## Wednesday

## I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! ITV1, 8.30pm

This time last year much of Blighty was hooked on the site of Jessica Jane Clement and Mark Wright wearing trousers full of water trying to complete their latest trial. Well, it was nothing if not original. The sight of Sinitta stood all night in a cave of creepy crawlies was also good fun, and who could forget eventual winner Dougie Poynter racing round what looked like a rat's maze trying to collect stars for the evening meal? By now we'll have seen all manner of Z-list celebs put through their paces, while Ant and Dec commentate on their progress.

## Thursday

## Hunted BBC1, 9pm

It's fair to say that most of Melissa George's best roles have come on the small screen – she's been particularly fine in this gritty drama, which has buried memories of her role as Angel in Home and Away once and for all. This is the final episode, and it promises to be gripping stuff – Sam is exposed as a spy and trapped inside the house where she is slowly, and secretly, being poisoned to death. Her memory also begins to return, and it's then that she realises why the Hourglass conspirators want her dead. But time is running out – can she find a way to stop them, and save herself, before it's too late?

## Living with My Stalker Channel 4, 10pm

It's somewhat a given these days that online daters will tell a couple of little white lies to make themselves sound a more attractive option to prospective partners – and there's no real harm in that. But for trainee doctor Alison Hewitt, the nightmare began when she agreed to meet Al Amin Dhalia – who she thought was a respectable Canadian businessman. As

it turned out, Dhalia's entire life story was based on lies – but Alison and her family didn't know the half of it. After the couple broke up, it became clear that the Dhalia wouldn't stop at anything to get her back, including poison pen letters, arson, building a torture chamber and eventually hiring a hit man.

## Friday

## Have I Got News for You BBC1, 9pm

Now pay attention comedy fans. What we have here is a half hour collection of topical news stories lined up in the satirical crosshairs of agents Ian Hislop, Paul Merton and their guests – comedian Marcus Brigstocke and journalist Rachel Johnson. The quartet will be trying to guess what happened next, the missing headlines and assorted other teasers posed by this week's celebrity guest host – James Bond legend Roger Moore.

## Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild BBC2, 9pm

The word 'legend' gets bandied around a lot in TV, but if there is one man who deserves the term, it's David Attenborough. Not only has he been on our screens for an impressive 60 years, his programmes have helped to advance our understanding of the world around us – and there are very few celebs who can say that. However, it seems David continues to amass his learning, as he looks back at some of the scientific breakthroughs that have been made during his decades on the air. And it's not just the theories and scientific concepts that have changed – there have also been extraordinary advances in filming.

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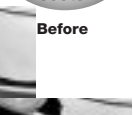
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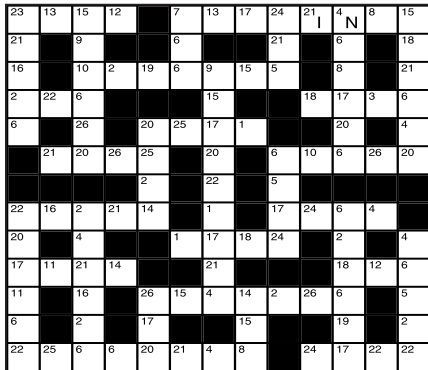
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## Brain Gym

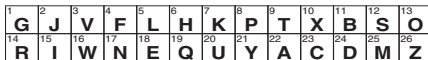
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### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



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### Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

#### Cryptic Clues:

##### Across

1. This will fix the pitch - it's almost split (4)
8. Mad reason for rail-stock (10)
9. Plates made to suit the palate (8)
10. Part of Nassau radiates a particular atmosphere (4)
12. Crazy about the girl affected by a crush! (6)
14. Completely assimilate a summary (6)
15. The man who holds the money-bags on board? (6)
17. Rocket an astronomical distance from the Earth (6)
18. Make a sly observation both ways (4)
19. This sort of portrait is completely countenanced (4-4)
21. In the main, these are disastrous losses (10)
22. Don't reveal the sources of leather (4)

##### Down

2. It's true I alter a variety of printed matter (10)
- 3 & 20 Dn. What can be obtained from sole distributors! (4-4)
4. Scratched, but collected points (6)
5. Think the advertisement outside created a diversion (6)
6. Could this sort of play have a crooked plot? (8)
7. Sounds like one who listens to the goddess (4)
11. Limited the others with direct arrangement (10)
13. This may provide a flower spray in the garden (4-4)
16. About to shape a policy for improvement (6)
17. Sun spot providing comfort (6)
18. Adopt an attitude to set somebody a problem (4)
20. See 3 Down

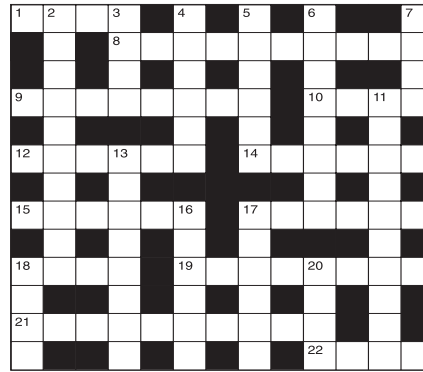
#### Quick Clues:

##### Across

1. Leave (4)
8. Unsurpassed (10)
9. Cannibal (3-5)
10. Gloomy (4)
12. Precious metal (6)
14. Make possible (6)
15. Transgressor (6)
17. Sermonise (6)
18. Boast (4)
19. Lamentation (8)
21. Emendation (10)
22. Profound (4)

##### Down

2. Strange (10)
3. Weary (4)
4. Acrimonious (6)
5. Savage (6)
6. Ironmongery (8)
7. Summit (4)
11. Unwillingness (10)
13. Sour (8)
16. Discard (6)
17. Allow (6)
18. Support (4)
20. Repair (4)

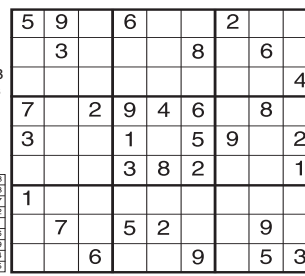
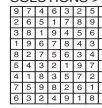


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Atlas; 8 Inherit; 9 Packing; 10 Rower; 12 Hand-to-hand; 15 On the shelf; 18 Tira; 19 Usurper; 21 Shellac; 22 Nylon.  
Down: 1 Camping out; 2 Slack; 3 Ast; 4 Singed; 5 Charcoal; 6 Crowbar; 11 Red herring; 13 Amenable; 14 Steamed; 16 Haunch; 17 Apple; 20 Ums. QUICK - Across: 7 Local; 8 Younger; 9 Opulent; 10 Gates; 12 Speculator; 15 Upside-down; 18 Dress; 19 Segment; 21 Private; 22 Irate. Down: 1 Bloodhound; 2 Occur; 3 Else; 4 Mystic; 5 Bungalow; 6 Agitate; 11 Strengthen; 13 Pedestal; 14 Ascetic; 16 Dispel; 17 Legal; 20 Grim.

### Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

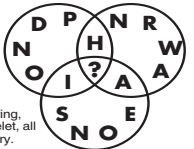
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### Circlegam

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:  
The letter represented by the question mark is A. Earring, necklace, bracelet, all items of jewellery.



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Taylor Wimpey Midlands' development 'Silver Waters' is in Brownhills

## Knock out contest is a winner for developer

**LEADING** housebuilder Taylor Wimpey Midlands helped make sure a new all-action community contest in Pelsall went with a swing.

The developer behind the new Silver Waters development in nearby Brownhills sponsored the It's A Knockout-style competition to the tune of £500. The charity contest, organised by Walsall Area Partnership, saw teams battle it out in a series of fun events on Pelsall Common, on October 27.

It's now hoped the event, which raised funds for the local branch of the Royal British Legion and St Giles Walsall Hospice, will become a permanent fixture on Pelsall's community calendar.

Anne Wallace, regional sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey, says: "As well as building high quality homes, we are always keen to build strong links with our local communities.

"We were only too happy to sponsor the competition, as it's something that has been organised for the local community to take part in, while raising money for two worthy local causes. We wish the organisers every success in establishing it as an annual event for the people of Pelsall."

Two-bedroom starter homes are priced from £134,995 at Silver Waters, three-bedroom houses from £179,995, and four-bedroom detached properties from £229,995.

To find out more, house-hunters should visit the sales centre, located off Silver Street, Brownhills, open Thursday to Monday from 10am to 5pm. Alternatively, the sales executive can be contacted on 0845 071 8879.



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## Home of Property

# Why you don't need to move to improve

**THREE** quarters of people are choosing to 'improve rather than move' as the current climate shows no time in changing.

According to property expert Michael Holmes, editor of Real Homes magazine, adding space to a property is the most effective way to create value and he outlines his five top tips on how you can improve the value of your home while on a budget:

### Remodel your space

Most properties have potential to be improved by adding or removing the partition walls between existing rooms to make better use of the space you already have. Remodelling can make your home seem much larger, especially if you open the space up and create open plan, multi-function rooms that make the most of natural light.

Popular ideas include reusing redundant or lesser used space such as; a large hallway and landing, unnecessary corridor space, understairs space, a former airing cupboard or coal store, the dining room, or an overly large master or second bedroom.

### Conversion

One of the most cost-effective ways to add value is to convert a loft, garage or cellar. Providing the existing structure is reasonably sound and proportioned, adding space through conversion is usually more cost-effective than adding an extension and has the added bonus of not sacrificing any garden space.

### Think vertically

When looking at room layout options most people only think of their space horizontally and ignore opportunities to make more of space by thinking ver-



Converting the loft can be a cost-effective way of adding value

tically. Simple ideas like fitting high level storage can make a big difference in freeing space elsewhere. A bedroom with a tall ceiling could accommodate a desk with a raised sleeping platform above it, giving valuable floorspace.

### Re-use redundant space

In a period property there are often features that are redundant or which can be replaced by more space-efficient modern alternatives. The chimney is a classic case. The hot water cylinder and hot and cold water storage tanks can take up a lot of space, but in many areas providing the mains water pressure is 3 bar or above, they can all be dispensed with and replaced by a modern space and energy-efficient combination boiler.

### Space efficient design

Trick yourself into thinking that you have more space than you actually do. Light colours on the walls and ceilings will brighten rooms and make them appear larger. The easiest and cheapest illusion is to simply add a mirror. It will work by reflecting your space to effectively double its size.

Fitting the same floor finish throughout your home creates a connection between rooms and makes them flow together as one, adding the illusion of more space, especially if a lighter colour material is chosen.

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Overley, Watling Street, Kingswood Cannock	2.45 pm	2.45 pm
18 Lane Road, Lanesfield, Wolverhampton	3.45 pm	3.45 pm
58 Weston Drive, Great Wyrley	10.30 am	10.30 am
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- Comprising: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, utility room, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate WC
- Front and rear gardens
- Part double glazed, gas central heating



**LOT 2** GUIDE PRICE: £55,000-£65,000

**158 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Three bedroomed semi detached house in need of comprehensive renovation comprising sitting room, lobby with access to cellar
- Living room, kitchen, verandah, bathroom, separate WC
- Landing, three bedrooms, gas central heating, garden



**LOT 3** GUIDE PRICE: £50,000-£60,000

**72 MILLMOOR AVENUE, ARMITAGE**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- End terrace house in need of modernisation comprising entrance lobby, reception hall
- Lounge, breakfast/dining area, utility area, side porch, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate WC
- Electric heating, part double glazing



**LOT 4** GUIDE PRICE: £100,000-£120,000

**60 STAFFORD ROAD, CANNOCK**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Substantial double fronted detached building previously used as a Dr's surgery but having the benefit of planning permission for change of use to a single residential dwelling
- Comprising entrance hall, five ground floor rooms, rear entrance lobby with WC off, landing, three first floor rooms, bathroom, gas central heating, predominantly secondary double glazed
- Detached back and concrete built garage



**LOT 5** GUIDE PRICE: £100,000-£110,000

**3 MELROSE DRIVE, HEDNESFORD**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Semi detached bungalow in need of renovation/improvement comprising entrance lobby, hall, lounge, dining area, kitchen, inner hall
- Two bedrooms, bathroom, gas fired central heating, double glazing, garage, gardens



**LOT 6** GUIDE PRICE: £70,000-£80,000

**30 HIGH STREET, CLAYHANGER, BROWNHILLS**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Extended semi detached house standing on a good sized plot requiring comprehensive refurbishment and modernisation comprising verandah/entrance lobby
- Lounge, kitchen area, rear entrance lobby, bedroom, bathroom, landing, three first floor bedrooms
- Front garden, driveway, garage space (subject to planning permission), deep rear garden



**LOT 7** GUIDE PRICE: £60,000

**33 ARMITAGE HOUSE, HOBBS LANE, LICHFIELD**  
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**LOT 8** GUIDE PRICE: £100,000-£120,000

**1 ARNOTDALE DRIVE, HEDNESFORD**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Detached bungalow requiring general modernisation and refurbishment comprising entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms, bathroom
- Gas fired central heating, part double glazed, front and rear gardens, driveway, carport, garage.



**LOT 9** GUIDE PRICE: £170,000

**234 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Part renovated former bungalow possibly suitable for redevelopment with two detached houses (subject to planning permission being obtained)
- Designed with planning permission for extensions to include hall, lounge, dining kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, landing, en-suite shower room, dressing room, study, bathroom, detached garage, gardens.



**LOT 10** GUIDE PRICE: £130,000

**33/35 STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY**  
RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT CURRENTLY LET AND PRODUCING £15,220 PA

- Ground floor shop with two self contained flats over together with rear parking
- Shop no. 33/35 with gas central heating, wash room/WC, kitchen, store room, WC off, rear parking area
- No. 33A one bedroom first floor flat. No. 33A first floor flat.



**LOT 11** GUIDE PRICE: £100,000-£125,000

**441 CANNOCK ROAD, HEDNESFORD**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Former Doctor's Surgery requiring general repair and improvement
- Suitable for redevelopment/conversion (subject to Planning Permission)
- Gas fired central heating, some double glazing
- Ground floor - 194 sq.m. (2,083 sq.ft)
- First floor - 154 sq.m. (1,764 sq.ft)
- Pedestrian access to small enclosed rear yard



**LOT 12** GUIDE PRICE: £75,000-£85,000

**18 LANE ROAD, LANESFIELD, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Three bedroomed semi detached house in need of comprehensive renovation comprising enclosed porch, reception hall, sitting room, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom
- Gas fired central heating, garage space, gardens



**LOT 13** GUIDE PRICE: £100,000-£120,000

**OVERLEY, WATLING STREET, KINGSWOOD, CANNOCK**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Two bedroomed detached bungalow in need of some modernisation/improvement comprising enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, utility room
- Two bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, predominantly double glazed, built on garage, gardens



**LOT 14** GUIDE PRICE: £80,000-£90,000

**58 WESTON DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY**  
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Three bedroomed mid terrace house located in popular residential area
- Ideal buy to let comprising: entrance hall, guests cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, all windows double glazed, secure off road parking to rear of property



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**AUCTION GUIDE PRICE £70,000 - £80,000**



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WS3 2EY

A commercial investment property representing a fast food restaurant. The property, with separate self-contained flat above, is currently let on a 6 year lease until 16th May 2012 at £800.00 per calendar month. The property briefly comprises:- Shop, Preparation Area, Kitchen, Lobby and W.C. To the first floor is the following:- Lounge, Three Further Rooms and a Bathroom.

**AUCTION GUIDE PRICE £70,000 - £80,000**



### 4 LOWER HIGH STREET, CRADLEY HEATH,

B64 5AB

Commercial lease for sale 6 years, 9 months from 1st February 2012. A3/A5 consent currently operating as a fish and chip shop with dining area. Recently re-fitted and re-decorated, included in the sale two pan high efficiency frying range and associated equipment.

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### **APEX ROAD, WALSALL, WS8 7HQ**

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**AUCTION GUIDE PRICE £375,000 PLUS**



# Plant out now for a spring vegetable crop

If you can provide a little shelter using a cold frame or plastic greenhouse it's worth sowing seeds of broad beans to provide strong plants that can be planted out next spring for an early crop of these delicious vegetables.

Because they grow in the hardest climates varieties such as Aquadulce Claudia, Imperial Greenpod and The Sutton are reliable in all but the hardest of winters. Sow the seeds individually in pots of Miracle-Gro Seed and Cutting Compost as soon as possible and keep evenly moist.

Winter vegetables such as leeks, parsnips and celery should be ready to lift for the kitchen soon. Parsnips definitely taste sweeter once they have received a few hard frosts as the cold weather changes the carbohydrates in the stems to sugars.

## Frosts

Normally the small seedlings are ready for transplanting in May and June after digging early potatoes, but this year the cold, wet spring slowed growth to a snail's pace.

If you are gardening on heavy soil you should carry on with winter digging. Digging before the New Year means there is more time for the frosts to work on the big clumps to break them down into fine soil.

A dressing of lime could help to sweeten the soil, especially where you are to grow potatoes.

Winter digging is hard work, especially if you are adding organic material rather than lime.

To protect your back you need to work at a steady pace in short shifts. Half an hour is usually long enough.

To create deep beds of humus-rich soil, dig in plenty of organic matter. Use your own well-rotted garden compost, spent growing bags used for tomatoes



Snip off top of onion sets



Leeks ready for digging

## TOPICAL TIP

**November is a good month for planting fruit on well-prepared ground. Ensure there is a good reserve of nutrients by adding Miracle-Gro Continuous Release Plant Food to the soil at planting time. This will release its goodness next year when the soil warms up and the new tree or bush puts on fresh leaf and root growth.**

or potatoes or specially purchased bags of Levington Organic Blend Soil Conditioner. All this organic material will improve the soil structure, increase fertility and substantially increase the water holding capacity of all soils, so don't be stingy with it.

Now that onions and garlic are such an everyday kitchen ingredient it's worth growing your own.

The trick is to plant this side of Christmas to provide correct maturing

and ripening during the height of summer. Japanese onions such as Senshyu do particularly well and so do some newer varieties such as 'Shake-speare' and 'Hi Keeper'.

Garlic doesn't normally come with a descriptive variety name, so choose plump bulbs that haven't started to shrivel.

## Sunny

For both onion sets and garlic treat the soil with a dressing of Growmore or Fish, Blood and Bone before raking into the surface.

Break the garlic bulb into individual cloves and plant with the tip of each clove just below the soil surface. Do the same with the onion sets.

Choose a sunny, well drained spot and feed regularly with Miracle-Gro Plant Food during spring and summer.

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A typical three-bedroom home available at Satchwell Grange is the Bampton. With a selling price of £145,950, this excellent family home comes in at £116,760 for First Buy purchasers. The Bampton has a spacious living room, a generous kitchen diner with a utility and cloakroom off, two double bedrooms, one with en-suite shower room and fitted wardrobes, plus a good sized single room and family bathroom.

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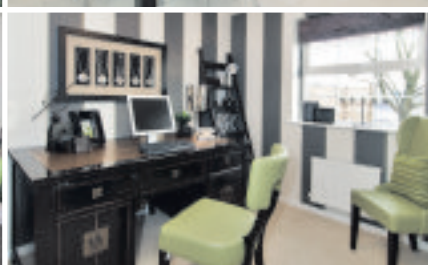
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- Refitted first floor bathroom
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- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
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- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Enclosed rear garden

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**COPPICE FARM  
BUTTERMERE GROVE**

- Extended and town house
- Four bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Majority double glazed windows
- Fitted dining kitchen with oven & hob
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Utility room and downstairs wc
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- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Majority UPVC double glazing
- Lounge and fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
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**£130,000 OFFERS**



**COPPICE FARM  
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- Consistently improved modern style and town house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Smart fitted kitchen with appliances
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
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- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- L-shaped refitted dining kitchen
- Refitted bathroom with shower
- UPVC single glazed windows

**NOW £95,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



**NEW INVENTION  
TAVERNERS CLOSE**

- Pleasant one bedroom modern style semi
- En-suite bathroom with shower
- Lounge & separate dining/sun room
- Fitted kitchen inc oven & hob
- Pleasant enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

**£87,950 OFFERS**



**WILLENHALL  
PACKWOOD CLOSE**

- Superb modern style town house
- One bedroom
- Refitted kitchen with oven & hob
- Refitted bathroom with shower
- Allocated parking space
- Gardens to front & rear

**£84,950 IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE**



**WILLENHALL  
ERNEST CLARKE CLOSE**

- Pleasantly appointed mid terrace property
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom with separate toilet
- Two double bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- Gardens to front and rear

**£84,950 NO CHAIN**





### SHORT HEATH HUNTS LANE

- Superbly Presented Detached Property
- Popular Location
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge
- Well Appointed Dining Kitchen
- Luxury Bathroom & En-Suite Shower Room
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating System
- Driveway, Rear Garden

**£169,950**



### WILLENHALL LISTER STREET

- Three bedroom mid terrace property
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Three good size bedrooms
- Pleasant garden to the rear
- Viewing highly recommended

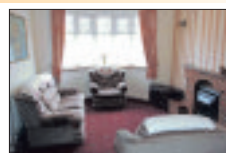
**£94,950 NO CHAIN**



### BENTLEY WREXHAM AVENUE

- Extended traditional style semi detached property
- Two reception rooms
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Garden to the rear
- Garage and driveway
- Views over Bentley Leisure Pavilion

**£109,950 NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL HOLMAN CLOSE

- Well presented mid town house
- Three bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Upstairs bathroom, downstairs wc
- Low maintenance front and rear gardens
- Garage to the rear

**£87,500**



### WEDNESFIELD, ASHMORE PARK FITZMAURICE ROAD

- Traditional style semi detached property in much sought after location
- Potential to create canal-side access
- Three bedrooms
- Double glazing and blow air heating
- Enclosed rear garden
- Gated off road parking
- Potential to extend and improve
- Ideal family home, no upward chain

**OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £110,000**



### PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED NEW INVENTION ESSINGTON ROAD

- Brand new development of two detached bungalows
- Two bedrooms
- Rear garden
- Garage in separate block
- Spacious living room with dining area
- Gas central heating, double glazed windows
- Fitted kitchen
- Fitted bathroom

**FROM £169,995 TO £174,995**



### COPPICE FARM LOCHALSH GROVE

- Modern style detached family residence
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Breakfast kitchen and downstairs wc
- Garage and off road parking
- Generous rear garden
- Gas central heating
- Internal viewing recommended

**NOW £193,500**



### COPPICE FARM KINGFISHER GROVE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fitted kitchen and utility rooms
- Excellent refitted bathroom with shower
- Enclosed rear garden
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows

**£184,500 OFFERS FOR QUICK SALE**



### COPPICE FARM BOWNESS GROVE

- Superb modern detached residence and hob
- Cul-de-sac position
- Three generous bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Excellent refitted kitchen including oven and hob
- Splendid UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Stunning refitted bathroom with spa bath & shower
- Garage divided into study and storage room

**£188,500**



### SUMMER HAYES LUDLOW CLOSE

- Splendidly appointed link detached bungalow in private drive position
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Stylish refitted kitchen
- Stunning refitted bathroom with spa bath & shower
- Study/office & utility area

**£169,995**



### NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL CRAB LANE

- Dormer style link detached bungalow
- Two/Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Two reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Internal viewing
- 30ft rear garden
- Private established rear garden

**NOW £159,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



### SUMMER HAYES CASTLE DRIVE

- Four bedroom detached property
- 3 first floor bedrooms, 1 downstairs bedroom 4
- Breakfast kitchen & utility room/vc
- Refitted Jack & Jill bathroom with shower
- 32ft tandem length garage
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £150,000, NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL LAKESIDE CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style detached property
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- 18ft front lounge
- 18ft fitted dining kitchen
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Enclosed rear garden
- Internal viewing recommended

**£149,950 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL, OFF STROUD AVE LYDNEY CLOSE

- Pleasant extended semi detached property
- Cul-de-sac position
- Four bedrooms
- Gas central heating system
- Double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen including oven and hob
- Gardens & off road parking

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £140,000**



### NEW INVENTION SQUIRES GROVE

- Well appointed modern style town house
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- En-suite shower room
- Fitted dining kitchen
- 17ft front lounge
- Downstairs guest bedroom with vc
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking to the fore

**£134,995 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



### NEW INVENTION BALMORAL DRIVE

- Pleasantly appointed extended semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Side entry with utility room/downstairs vc
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Pleasant established rear garden

**NOW £124,950 OFFERS**



### COPPICE FARM TORRIDON ROAD

- Pleasant modern style two bedroom bungalow
- Delightful cul-de-sac location
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with patio doors to the rear garden
- Bathroom with shower
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking to the fore

**NOW OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £115,000, NO CHAIN**



### COPPICE FARM BUTTERMERE GROVE

- Pleasantly appointed town house style property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas first central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Fitted dining kitchen with integrated oven, hob & pantry
- Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
- Enclosed rear garden with paved patio

**£114,950**



### HADLEY HEATH, WILLENHALL FAWLEY CLOSE

- Pleasant improved modern style semi
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Carport with double doors to the front
- Attractive enclosed rear garden

**£104,995**



### NEW INVENTION BEACON ROAD

- Traditional style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Refitted dining kitchen in oven and hob
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Front and rear gardens
- Part double glazing
- Popular location
- Viewing recommended

**NOW £99,995**



### WILLENHALL PACKWOOD CLOSE

- Excellent modern style semi
- Planning permission granted for side extension
- Two bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Pleasant 13ft front lounge
- Enclosed rear garden

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £96,000**



### WILLENHALL ALAMEIN ROAD

- Traditional style town house
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- 19ft fitted dining kitchen
- 14ft through lounge
- Upstairs bathroom
- Generous lawned rear garden

**NOW £95,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



### DARLASTON PINFOLD STREET

- Lovely one bedroom ground floor flat in convenient location
- Pleasantly appointed accommodation throughout
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted kitchen
- Fitted shower room with walk-in bath
- Communal gardens and allocated parking
- Gas central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows

**£62,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL LAKESIDE CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Majority UPVC double glazed windows
- Full width rear lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen in oven & hob
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Ample off road parking

**£56,000 FOR 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP**



### DARLASTON WOLVERHAMPTON STREET

- Spacious first floor flat in convenient location
- Two bedrooms
- Gas warm air central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Spacious 14ft lounge
- Kitchen and shower room
- Communal entrance with security intercom

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £53,000, NO CHAIN**

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Monday 10th December at  
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Banks's Stadium, Bescot  
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**For Sale by Public Auction on Monday 10th December @ 6.30pm to be held at Banks's Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall, WS1 4SA**  
(subject to prior sale and conditions)

**Lot 1** 33 Foster Street, Wednesbury,  
West Midlands, WS10 8EQ

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st, 28th November and 4th December all at 10.00pm



This modern mid terrace residence offers double glazing and warm air central heating and is situated close to Darlaston centre. Ideal for first time buyer or investor. The property briefly comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen Area, Rear Lobby, W.C., Rear Porch, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**Guide Price: £40,000-£50,000**

**Lot 2** 155, Well Lane, Walsall,  
West Midlands, WS3 1JU

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st, 28th November and 4th December all at 12.45pm



Traditionally styled semi detached property on a corner plot in need of complete modernisation and improvement. Close to all amenities the property would suit an investor or builder. The property briefly comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Side Lobby, W.C., Two Stores, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**Guide Price: £35,000-£40,000**

**Lot 3** 146, Swan Gardens, Erdington,  
Birmingham, West Midlands,

Viewing: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers on 0121 289 3838



A first floor studio apartment situated on a popular residential development within easy reach of Erdington centre. Currently let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy for 6 months commencing 27th June 2012 at £350.00 per calendar month. Lounge, Kitchen, Lobby and Shower Room.

**Guide Price: £29,000- £39,000**

**Lot 4** 155, Greets Green Road, West  
Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 9ET

Viewing: 14th, 20th, 27th November at 2.30pm, 1st December 11.00am and 8th December 2.30pm



Traditional mid terrace residence with gas fired central heating and double glazing, ideal investment opportunity. The property in brief comprises:- Porch, Lounge, Lobby, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens, Garage.

**Guide Price: £35,000 PLUS**

**Lot 5** 4, Foundry Lane, Pelsall,  
West Midlands, WS3 4QH

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st, 28 November and 4th December all at 1.15pm



Conveniently located in a popular residential area, this mid terrace residence offers well planned gas centrally heated accommodation ideally suited to a first time buyer or investor. The property briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom and Rear Garden.

**Guide Price: £45,000-£55,000**

**Lot 6** 53, Foxdale Drive, Brierley  
Hill, West Midlands, DY5 3GZ

Viewing: By appointment with Auctioneers on 0121 289 3838



This purpose built apartment situated on a pleasant residential development would make an ideal purchase for first time buyer or investor. The property in brief comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two bedrooms, Bathroom, Communal Gardens and One Allocated Parking Space.

**Guide Price: £30,000-£40,000**

**Lot 7** 35, Swan Street, Brierley  
Hill, West Midlands, DY5 2ES

Viewing: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneer on 0121 289 3838



This delightfully appointed semi detached gas centrally heated and double glazed home would make an ideal purchase for a first time buyer or investor, being conveniently located close to Russells Hall Hospital. The property in brief comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Garage, Drive and Rear Garden.

**Guide Price: £80,000- £90,000**

**Lot 8** 17, Peach Avenue, Darlaston,  
West Midlands, WS10 8TU

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st, 28th November and 4th December all at 9.30am



Traditionally styled double glazed semi detached residence in need of modernisation and improvement. In brief the property comprises:- Enclosed Porch, Lounge, Sitting Room, Bathroom, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**Guide Price: £30,000- £35,000**

**Lot 9** 4, Sundial Lane, Great Barr,  
Birmingham, West Midlands, B43 6PD

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st, 28th November and 4th December all at 10.45am



This traditionally styled semi detached property is situated in a prime residential location just off Scott Arms and is set on a corner plot lending itself for potential for extension subject to the necessary Planning Permission and Building Regulation approval. The accommodation which boasts the benefit of gas fired central heating and UPVC double glazing has been extended at ground floor level to include large wet room. Offering scope for further improvement the property comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Open Plan Dining Kitchen, Wet Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Garden and Detached Garage.

**Guide Price: £130,000- £150,000**

**Lot 10** 71, Station Road, Aldridge,  
West Midlands, WS9 0BW

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st, 28th November and 4th December all at 1.45pm



This former hairdressing salon, with living accommodation above, is conveniently located close to Aldridge village. The ground floor shop area has basins (and other equipment is available subject to negotiations after the sale) The premises also lends itself to conversion back to a residential dwelling (subject to planning). The property comprises:- Salon, Kitchen, W.C., Living Room, Bedroom, En-Suite, Attic Room.

**Guide Price: £70,000- £80,000**

**Lot 11** 140, Sandon Road, Stafford,  
Staffordshire, ST16 3HG

Viewing: There are no viewings available on this property.



Traditionally styled brick and tile mid terrace residence subject to a Regulated Tenancy going back over 50 years at a rent of £12.50 per week. The property briefly comprises:- Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Pantry, Two Bedrooms, Box Room, Bathroom, Store, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**Guide Price: £30,000- £35,000**

**Lot 12** 27 Weston Crescent, Aldridge,  
West Midlands, WS9 0HA

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st, 28th November and 4th December at 2.15 pm



Traditional brick and tile semi detached residence offering tremendous scope for further improvement. Situated close to Aldridge Village, the property comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Area, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Garage, Fore and Rear Garden.

**Guide price £135,000 - £145,000**

**Lot 13** 7, Wolverhampton Road,  
Bloxwich, West Midlands, WS3 2EY

Viewing: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneer on 01922 615222



A commercial investment opportunity representing a fast food take away with A3/A5 use, with separate self contained flat above. The whole currently let on a 6 year lease from 16th May 2012 at £800.00 per calendar month. The property briefly comprises:- Shop, Preparation Area, Kitchen, Lobby and W.C. To the first floor is the following:- Lounge, Three Further Rooms and a Bathroom.

**Guide Price: £70,000- £80,000**

**Lot 14** 83, Westbrook Avenue,  
Aldridge, West Midlands, WS9 0BZ

Viewing: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers 01922 615222



Situated close to Aldridge Village, this traditionally styled semi detached residence offers well planned accommodation offering scope for further improvement. The property briefly comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Area, Kitchen, Side Lobby, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore Garden with Parking and Rear Garden.

**Guide Price: £70,000- £80,000**

**Lot 15** 18, Beech Court, Birmingham Road,  
Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 2NQ

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st and 28th November and 4th December all at 11.45am



This purpose built first floor flat would make an ideal purchase for an investor and is situated in the popular development just off the Birmingham Road within easy access of Walsall Town Centre. The property briefly comprises:- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom.

**Guide Price: £40,000- £50,000**

**Lot 16** 29, Green Leigh, Erdington,  
Birmingham, West Midlands, B23 5QL

Viewing: 12th, 20th, 27th November and 4th December all at 11.30am. And 17th November at 2pm



First floor studio apartment ideally suited to an investor situated on a popular development and comprising:- Hall, Open Plan Lounge/ Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom and Communal Gardens.

**Guide Price: £30,000- £40,000**

**Lot 17** 105, West Bromwich Road,  
Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 3HP

Viewing: There are no viewings available on this property.



A conveniently located traditionally styled Victorian mid terrace residence, currently let on an 12 month Assured Shorthold Tenancy dating from 1st August 2012 at £475.00 per calendar month. The property briefly comprises:- Through Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Lobby, W.C., Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**Guide Price: £50,000- £60,000**

**Lot 18** 3, Follyhouse Lane, Walsall,  
West Midlands, WS1 3EL

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st and 28th November and 4th December all at 11.15am



A traditionally styled three bedroomed semi detached property situated in a popular residential area offering tremendous scope for further improvement and modernisation, ideal for an investor or builder. With the benefit of part gas fired central heating and double glazing, the property is set back from the road behind a small fore garden and comprises of the following: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lobby, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**Guide Price: £50,000- £60,000**

**Lot 19** 218, Sutton Road, Walsall,  
West Midlands, WS5 3AH

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st and 28th November and 4th December all at 2.45pm



Traditionally styled gas centrally heated and part double glazed semi detached property situated in a desirable residential area offering tremendous scope for further improvement. The property briefly comprises:- Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Lobby, W.C., Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**Guide Price: £150,000- £170,000**

**Lot 20** 24, Telford Road, Walsall,  
West Midlands, WS2 7LD

Viewing: 12th, 17th, 21st and 28th November and 4th December all at 12.15pm



A mid town house residence with part double glazing in need of complete modernisation and improvement and is conveniently located making it an ideal investment for a builder or landlord. The property briefly comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lobby, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C. Fore and Rear Gardens.

**Guide Price: £25,000- £30,000**



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## WEDNESBURY PARK LANE

- PERIOD SEMI DETACHED
- GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- GAS HEATING & GLAZING
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM

£129,950



- REAR GARDEN WITH PATIO
- FITTED KITCHEN
- OFF STREET PARKING
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL



## WEDNESBURY HOBBS ROAD

- SEMI DETACHED
- THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS
- GENEROUS CORNER PLOT
- THROUGH LOUNGE DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£114,000



## WEDNESBURY CHURCH HILL

- EXTENDED TRADITIONAL SEMI
- THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- THROUGH LOUNGE/DINER
- EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN

- FAMILY BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN & PATIO
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

£124,995



## WEST BROMWICH THE BANTOCKS

- THREE BEDROOM DETACHED
- POPULAR LOCATION
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN & BATHROOM

£164,950



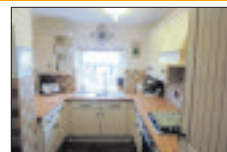
- GARAGE & DRIVE
- SOUTH FACING GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- ROOM TO EXTEND
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL



## WEDNESBURY CRANKHALL LANE

- EXTENDED DETACHED
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- UTILITY ROOM

£154,950



- LOUNGE DINING ROOM
- DELIGHTFUL GARDENS
- CONSERVATORY
- OFF STREET PARKING



## WEDNESBURY PARK LANE

- LARGER STYLE SEMI DETACHED
- THREE GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- ENLARGED FITTED KITCHEN
- ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING

£150,000



## WEDNESBURY HOBBS ROAD

- DETACHED BUNGALOW
- FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS & OFF ROOM
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## WEDNESBURY SHELDON AVENUE

- END OF TERRACE HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- LOUNGE & FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN
- OFF STREET PARKING

£113,950



## WALSALL BECOT DRIVE

- TRADITIONAL FIVE BEDROOM
- DETACHED HOUSE
- BUNGALOW TO MEDIAN MOTORWAY
- NETWORKS AND LOCAL AMENITIES
- DOUBLE GLAZING AND GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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## WEST BROMWICH GORDON AVENUE

- SPACIOUS MID TERRACE
- DEIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- UTILITY ROOM & PORCH
- FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£109,950



## WEDNESBURY DARBY ROAD

- SEMI DETACHED
- EXT LOUNGE/DINER
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- BATH/SHOWER ROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZING AND CENTRAL HEATING
- CONSERVATORY
- OFF STREET PARKING

£94,950



## WEST BROMWICH WESTMINSTER ROAD

- REFURBISHED SEMI DETACHED
- NEWLY REFITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- NEW GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- NEWLY REFITTED BATHROOM
- REAR GARDEN & D GLAZING
- REFITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

£104,950



## DARLASTON HUGHES ROAD

- SPACIOUS MID TERRACE
- FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE & DINING
- ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- FITTED KITCHEN

£112,950



## WEDNESBURY PAUL STREET

- GENEROUS SIZED SEMI DETACHED
- THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS
- POPULAR LOCATION
- CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS

£149,950



## WEDNESBURY PARKDALE AVENUE

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
- OFF STREET PARKING
- THREE GOOD BEDROOMS

£129,950



## WEDNESBURY JOHNSON ROAD

- SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- AMPLE OFF STREET PARKING
- THREE BEDROOMS
- DELIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN
- LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING

£99,950



## WEDNESBURY CRANKHALL LANE

- MID TERRACE
- KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- BATHROOM
- LOUNGE
- DOUBLE GLAZING, GAS HEATING
- DINING ROOM
- PARKING

£84,950



## WEDNESBURY PARK STREET

- EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED
- DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKS
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- PARKING
- THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- EXIT KITCHEN
- SHOWER ROOM
- BATHROOM

£149,950



## WEDNESBURY WHARFDALE STREET

- MID TERRACE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- LOUNGE
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- DINING ROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN

£84,950



## WEDNESBURY JOHNSON ROAD

- THREE BEDROOM END TERRACED
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING AND PART DOUBLE GLAZING (WHERE SPECIFIED)

£79,950



## WEDNESBURY PAUL STREET

- GROUND FLOOR MAISONNETTE
- ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM
- GLAZING
- LOUNGE DINER
- TERRACE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- GAS C HEATING D
- COURT YARD REAR
- PARKING

£69,950



## WEDNESBURY KENT ROAD

- FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM
- LOUNGE DINER
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- BATHROOM
- REAR GARDEN

£64,950



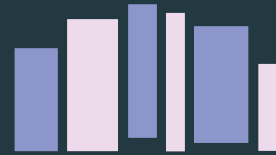
## WEDNESBURY CINDER WAY

- GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE/DINER
- SHOWER ROOM
- ELECTRIC HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- 50% SHARE

£29,950



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## SPECIALIST LETTING AGENTS

**NEW** £675 pcm

**Seaforth Grove**

- A stylish modern detached property
- Good sized living room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- 3 Spacious bedrooms one with en-suite
- Integral garage and driveway
- Conservatory

**NEW** £600 pcm

**Tasker Street, Walsall**

- A 5 double bedroom terraced property
- Consists of 2 large reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen with units
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- DSS accepted, large rear garden, new combi boiler

**NEW** £500 pcm

**Addenbrooke Street,**

- A spacious 3 bed end terraced property
- 2 Spacious reception rooms front and rear
- Large modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing throughout
- DSS accepted, Enclosed rear garden, Refurbished

**NEW** £500 pcm

**Addenbrooke Street,**

- A spacious 3 bed end terrace property
- Spacious front and rear reception rooms
- Large modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- DSS accepted, Rear garden, Refurbished throughout

**NEW** £500 pcm

**Coalway Road**

- A 3 bed semi detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Side utility and downstairs WC
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing

**NEW** £495 pcm

**Whitehall Road**

- A modernised 3 bed end terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Guest WC, Rear garden, DSS accepted

**NEW** £495 pcm

**Darlaston Road**

- An excellent 3 bed end terrace
- A spacious lounge
- Large modern kitchen diner with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with electric shower over bath
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Shared garden, comes part furnished

**NEW** £475pcm

**Lord Street, Palfrey**

- A re-decorated 2 double bed end terrace
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- A modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden, DSS accepted

**NEW** £350 pcm

**Pleck Road, Pleck**

- A 1 bed ground floor apartment
- 1 Double bed room
- A good size reception room
- A modern fitted kitchen/diner
- A spacious family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing

**NEW** £325 pcm

**Ablewell Street, Walsall**

- A 2nd floor apartment
- 1/2 bedrooms divided by opening doors
- A spacious lounge
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Modern fitted Kitchen
- Single glazed and gas central heating

**NEW** £225 pcm

**Ablewell Street, Walsall**

- A part furnished studio apartment
- Compromising of lounge/bedroom
- White fitted bathroom
- Fitted kitchen with cooker and fridge freezer
- Gas central heating
- Close to walsall town centre and transport links

**NEW PRICE**

**Gleneagles Road**

- A modern 3 bed link detached property
- 1 spacious reception room
- New fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- New upstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Guest WC, Driveway and Garage

£675 pcm

**Mellish Park**

- A luxury 2 bed ground floor apartment
- Open planned lounge/kitchen
- Modern kitchen with integral appliances
- Designer bathroom and en-suite
- Double Glazing throughout
- Allocated secure parking

£675pcm

**Asterway, Tamebridge**

- 3 Bed modern detached property
- Spacious open plan lounge/dining
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family bathroom, Master en-suite, downstairs WC
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Access to garage

£650 pcm

**Chapel Street, Blakenhall**

- A 4 bed semi detached property
- 1 spacious reception room
- Fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Guest WC, Driveway and DSS accepted

£550 pcm

**Barker Street, Oldbury**

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- A modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden, DSS accepted

£525 pcm

**Follyhouse Lane**

- A 3 bed semi detached property
- 1 spacious through lounge
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Guest WC, Rear garden, DSS accepted

£450 pcm

**Darlaston Road**

- A traditional 3 bed end terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£495 pcm

**Beacon Street, Chuckery**

- A 3 bed end terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£495 pcm

**Prince Street, Pleck**

- A detached 3 bed property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear yard DSS accepted

£495 pcm

**Basset Street, Alumwell**

- A 3 bed semi detached property
- Good size reception room
- A good size fitted kitchen
- Shower room and bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Rear garden, DSS accepted

£495 pcm

**Abbey Square, Bloxwich**

- A 3 bed mid terrace property
- 1 spacious reception room
- Fitted family kitchen/diner
- Upstairs bathroom with separate WC
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£475 pcm

**Scarborough Road, Pleck**

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

**NEW PRICE**

**Cecil Street, The Butts**

- A superb 2 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Enclosed rear garden

£450 pcm

**Essex Street, Walsall**

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with white units
- Downstairs bathroom and guest WC
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- Rear Garden DSS accepted

£450 pcm

**St Georges Court, Walsall**

- A Superb 1 bed 2nd floor apartment
- Open planned Lounge/Kitchen
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasent family bathroom
- Parking space and views of the town
- DSS accepted

£395 pcm

**North Street, Walsall**

- A refurbished 1 bed apartment
- Open planned Lounge/Kitchen
- New fitted kitchen with cooker
- New family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£390 pcm

**Bloxwich Road, Leamore**

- A 1 bed ground floor apartment
- Open planned kitchen and living room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Family bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£375 pcm

**Bloxwich Road, Leamore**

- Top floor studio apartment
- Modern fitted bathroom with shower
- Spacious living area
- Modern Fitted kitchen units
- DSS accepted with guarantor
- Rent accepted in arrears for HB

£375 pcm

**Arboretum Road, Walsall**

- A superb 1 bed ground floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- DSS accepted





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● Garage & Driveway●Sorry no DHSS

£750 PCM



**Walsall  
Water Reed Grove**  
● Three Bedroom Detached  
● Lounge●Kitchen/Dining Room  
● Cloakroom W.C.●Family Bathroom  
● Master Bed with En-Suite Shower Room  
● Gardens●Garage & Off Road Parking

£695 PCM



**Walsall  
Segundo Close**  
● Three Bedroom Detached  
● Lounge●Kitchen/Diner  
● Double Glazing  
● Rear Garden●Garage  
● Conservatory●Sorry No DHSS

£575 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Wolverhampton Road**  
● Two Bedroom Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Fitted Kitchen/Diner●Bathroom  
● Central Heating●Part Double Glazing  
● Large Rear Garden●Sorry No DHSS

£525 PCM



**Walsall  
Blackthorne Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom  
● Part Central Heated  
● Double Glazing●Off Road Parking  
● Front & Rear Gardens●Sorry No DHSS

£495 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Mossley Close**  
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace House  
● Lounge●Kitchen/Diner  
● Cloakroom W.C.●Double Glazing  
● Gas Central Heating●Gardens  
● No Pets●DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



**Walsall  
Roberts Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating  
● Front & Rear Gardens●Garage  
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



**Willenhall  
Kingfisher Court**  
● Two Bed Apartment  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom  
● D.Glazing●Central Heating  
● Off Road Parking  
● Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM

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● Off Road Parking●Secure Entrance  
● Sorry no DHSS●Close to Walsall Town

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Evesham Crescent**  
● Three Bedroom Terrace  
● Lounge Dining Room  
● Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Central Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Nursery Road**  
● Three Bedrooms Semi  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom  
● Downstairs W.C.  
● Front and Rear Gardens  
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Blakenall Lane**  
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Kitchen●Two Reception Rooms  
● Ground Floor Bathroom  
● Further Room with W.C. & Wash Basin  
● Gardens●DHSS Considered

£475 PCM



**Walsall  
Alexandra Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Gas Central Heating●D.Glazing  
● Bathroom●Off Road Parking  
● Gardens●DHSS Accepted

£475 PCM



**Walsall  
Lewis Street**  
● Two Bedroom Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Downstairs Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Central Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



**Rushall  
Yemscroft, Lichfield Road**  
● Two Bed Top Floor Flat  
● Lounge●Bathroom  
● Kitchen with Appliances  
● Heating & Double Glazing  
● Sorry no DHSS, Smokers or Pets

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
Paddington Walk**  
● Two Bedroom End-Terrace  
● Lounge Kitchen/Diner  
● Cloakroom W.C.●Bathroom  
● Further Room with W.C. & Wash Basin  
● Double Glazing●Central Heating

£450 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Foster Street**  
● Two Bedroom Terrace  
● One Reception Room  
● Reception Hallway  
● Off Road Parking  
● DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
Cairns Street**  
● Two Bedroom Terrace  
● Being Refurbished throughout  
● Kitchen●Family Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating  
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



**Walker Road  
Blakenall Heath, Guild Court**  
● Two Bedroom Apartment  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom  
● Gas Central Heating  
● Double Glazing  
● DHSS Accepted

From £425 PCM



**Leamore  
Leamore Lane**  
● Two Bedroom Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen●Fitted Bathroom  
● Double Glazing & Central Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM



**Walsall  
Kent Street**  
● Three Bed Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted  
● Sorry no Pets or Smokers

£425 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Millfield Avenue**  
● Two Bedroom Flat  
● Lounge●Kitchen  
● Bathroom●Separate W.C.  
● Gas Central Heating  
● Communal Grounds

£425 PCM



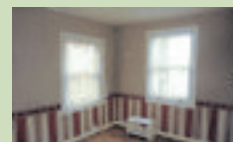
**Walsall  
Cunningham Road**  
● Two Bedroom Flat  
● Large Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Shower Room●Double Glazing  
● Gas Central Heating●Rear Garden  
● DHSS Accepted●Sorry no Pets

£425 PCM



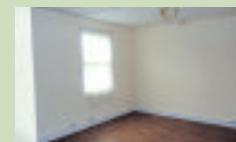
**Bloxwich  
High Street**  
● One Bedroom Flat  
● Large Lounge●Kitchen  
● Large Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Electric Heating  
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



**Bloxwich  
High Street**  
● Two Bedroom Flat  
● Bloxwich High St Location  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Stairs to Second Bedroom  
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



**Bloxwich  
High Street**  
● One Bedroom Flat  
● Lounge●Shower Room  
● Kitchen●Electric Heating  
● Double Glazing●Parking Space To Rear  
● DHSS Accepted

£375 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Harrison Street**  
● One Bedroom Flat  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Double Glazing  
● Electric heating  
● DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM



**Walsall  
Moat Road**  
● Two Bed Flat above retail premises  
● Lounge  
● Kitchen  
● Shower Room  
● DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Elmore Green Road**  
● One Bedroom Flat  
● Lounge●Kitchen  
● Bathroom  
● Gas Central Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

£325 PCM



**Walsall  
Lincoln Road**  
● Two Bedroom Flat  
● Double Glazing  
● Electric Heating  
● Off Road Parking  
● DHSS Accepted

£325 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Barracks Lane**  
● One Bedroom Flat  
● Lounge●Kitchen  
● Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Electric Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

£300 PCM



**Rushall  
Lichfield Road**  
● One Bedroom Flats  
● Lounge●Kitchen  
● Bathroom●Double Glazing  
● Electric Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

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**BLOXWICH  
SNEYD LANE**

- REASONABLY APPOINTED TRADITIONAL STYLE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- DISCREETLY SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION
- THREE BEDROOMS AND EN-SUITE CLOAKROOM
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- 1ST FLOOR BATHROOM WITH VICTORIAN STYLE BATH
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- OFF ROAD PARKING

**£117,000 OFFERS**

**WANTED**

TWO/THREE BEDROOM  
PROPERTY REQUIRED  
WALKING DISTANCE  
OF BLOXWICH  
NORTH TRAIN  
STATION UP TO  
£90,000 FOR FIRST  
TIME BUYER

**NEW**




**WALSALL  
DARTMOUTH AVENUE**

- WELL MAINTAINED EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED RESIDENCE
- CORNER PLOT LOCATION
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- CONSERVATORY
- FITTED KITCHEN INC OVEN AND HOB
- UTILITY ROOM AND DOWNSTAIRS WC

**£159,500 OFFERS**

**NEW**

**SOLD STC**  
SIMILAR PROPERTIES  
REQUIRED




**BLOXWICH  
BROAD LANE**

- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- CLOSE TO TRAIN STATION
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

**£89,950**



**BLOXWICH  
CLARENDON STREET**

- Charming Victorian style end terrace property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double windows
- Spacious 28ft through lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen with oven, hob, refrigerator & dishwasher
- Fitted bathroom with white suite
- Pleasant rear garden

**£89,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**

**NEW**




**BLOXWICH  
GLASTONBURY CRESCENT**

- SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- CORNER PLOT POSITION
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- LOUNGE AND KITCHEN
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- MAJORITY UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

**£83,500 OFFERS**

**NEW**




**BLOXWICH  
STONEY LANE**

- TRADITIONAL STYLE SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- POPULAR LOCATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- MAJORITY DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- LOVELY ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN
- EXTENDED AT REAR
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED

**£174,950 OFFERS**

**WANTED**

INVESTMENT  
PROPERTIES  
REQUIRED  
BLOXWICH AND  
SURROUNDING  
AREAS UP TO  
£80,000

**NEW**




**BLOXWICH  
MILLFIELD AVENUE**

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- FITTED DINING KITCHEN INCLUDING OVEN & HOB
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- REAR ENCLOSED PARKING
- DOWNSTAIRS WC

**£90,000 OFFERS**

**NEW**




**BLOXWICH  
WAVERLEY ROAD**

- WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM HOUSE
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- ATTRACTIVE REAR LOUNGE/DINING AREA
- SMART FITTED KITCHEN INC OVEN AND
- HOB
- FIRST FLOOR SHOWER ROOM
- PLEASANT ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- INTERNAL VIEWING ESSENTIAL

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**BLOXWICH  
REVIVAL STREET**

- Pleasantly appointed Victorian style property
- Ideal first time purchase
- Two bedrooms & first floor bathroom
- 26ft through lounge/dining room
- 19ft fitted breakfast kitchen
- Gas central heating system
- Internal viewing recommended
- No onward chain

**£84,950**

**NEW**

**SOLD STC**  
SIMILAR PROPERTIES  
REQUIRED



**WALSALL  
HARDEN ROAD**

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- IDEAL FIRST PURCHASE
- FRONT LOUNGE
- FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED

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**NEW**




**BLOXWICH  
FARMDALE GROVE**

- PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKS
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM
- ATTACHED GARAGE
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN

**£169,950**

**WANTED**

TWO BEDROOM  
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**BLOXWICH  
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- TRADITIONAL STYLE TOWN HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS
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- FITTED KITCHEN IN OVEN & HOB
- LOUNGE WITH FEATURE FIREPLACE
- REAR GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING

**£99,950**




**BLOXWICH  
LICHFIELD ROAD**

- A STUNNING DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED THROUGHOUT
- MASTER 1ST FLOOR BEDROOM WITH SHOWER ROOM
- TWO GROUND FLOOR BEDROOMS
- REAR LOUNGE & SEPARATE DINING ROOM
- 20FT BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- INTERNAL VIEWING ESSENTIAL

**£299,950**

**NEW**



**LEAMORE  
COPE STREET**

- PLEASANT TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY
- CONVENIENT LOCATION OFF BLOXWICH ROAD, LEAMORE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN INC OVEN AND HOB
- FIRST FLOOR SHOWER ROOM
- FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED

**£87,950 OFFERS**

**NEW**




**BLOXWICH  
FARMDALE GROVE**

- PART EXCHANGE MAY BE CONSIDERED
- FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME
- LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN SUITE SHOWER ROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZED AND CENTRAL HEATED
- CLOSE TO BLOXWICH NORTH TRAIN STATION
- CAR PORT AND PARKING

**£184,950**

**NEW**




**BLOXWICH  
FARMDALE GROVE**

- PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED
- FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE SHOWER
- DOWN STAIRS GUEST CLOAKS
- DETACHED GARAGE
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

**£189,950**



**BLOXWICH  
MULBERRY ROAD**

- Modern style semi detached house
- Popular Quality Fields development
- Three bedrooms and en-suite shower
- Gas central heating and UPVC double glazing
- 17ft full width rear lounge
- Fitted kitchen including oven and hob
- Garage and off road parking
- Internal viewing strongly recommended

**£125,000**

**NEW**




**WALSALL  
FOSTER STREET**

- VICTORIAN STYLE SEMI
- REAR LOBBY AND SHOWER ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- GARDEN TO THE REAR
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- FITTED KITCHEN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

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## So solid Aldridge clinch win at the end

**Willenhall 17 Aldridge 29**  
A SOLID first half laid the foundations for a good victory for Aldridge over Willenhall seconds – but they only clinched the win late in the second half. Visiting half-backs Ben Drinkwater and Chris Jones orchestrated things around the scrum and the former crossed for two tries early on, converting the second. Further tries from lock Eddie O'Neill and scrum-half Jones followed before Willenhall hit back with a try by prop Adam Cooke, converted by Anthony Helm.

A length of the field effort by Willenhall's outside centre Will Theaker was the pick of the afternoon.

Aldridge had a few breakthroughs. Two were halted but they scored from the third.

The Aldridge forwards drove upfield and Chris Jones took the ball, battled through the defence and emerged from the other side to run in behind the posts.

He added the conversion which consolidated the victory but still left the home side's prop Adam Wordsley with time to run in another long-range effort at the end.

## Good work undone by late errors

**Kingswinford 6 Bloxwich 3**  
ERRORS cost Bloxwich men's hockey firsts a draw against Kingswinford.

Adam and Matt Baldwin got on the scoresheet, along with Jake Perkins, while there were good performances from Jack Philips and Gary Williams.

Bloxwich withstood a lot of first-half pressure. In the second half they were well in the game at 3-3 but silly mistakes, allied to what the visitors saw as poor umpiring, proved costly as Kingswinford pulled clear.

**Uttoxeter 0 Bloxwich 5**  
Bloxwich ladies third, a touch rusty after a two-week league break, still managed to put five goals past Uttoxeter.

They broke through from a penalty kick which Sharon Hill converted and led 1-0 at half-time.

A much-improved second half saw Hill complete a hat-trick, and there was a goal each for Nic Nullis and Chez Alcock.

# United's entertaining win

WITH no first team game Walsall United won an entertaining encounter closer than the score suggests.

Bromsgrove seconds scored a try immediately after kick-off but Walsall United replied within five minutes as Jeffrey Williamson crossed the line.

Last year's leading points scorer Matt Wood returning was vital as a long-range conversion displayed his kicking skills. He then had an easy conversion as Neil Pittaway went over.

The visitors, whose firsts are in the National League, levelled with a try after strong and direct running but Wood took two well struck penalties for

## Walsall United 34 Bromsgrove 14

a 20-12 interval lead. Both teams struggled for a breakthrough in most of the second half but the hosts finally got the score that virtually sealed victory.

A Pittaway kick saw hooker Jimmy Scott follow up and regain the ball after the tackle; some good passing gave Harvey Wootton and Williamson the chance to make good ground. The ball was moved from the breakdown and centre Richard Towe scored a good try.

Wood put over the conversion and

converted a try from prop forward Russ Gauden in the final minute.

On Saturday, Walsall firsts host Stoke-on-Trent (2.15pm).

The thirds had a 57-12 win over Bloxwich seconds. Phil Stanley led the way with three tries.

The under-17s lost 24-7 at home to league leaders Burton. Winger Umkar Kasujee got Walsall's try.

The under-nines had a fine round robin tournament with wins over Stourbridge and Sutton Coldfield.



Richard Towe dives over to score for Walsall United

# Frustration as fifth home loss clocked up

## Walsall 0 Swindon 2

**SWINDON boss Paolo Di Canio was left to pick up the plaudits. Walsall can only pick up the pieces.**

The passionate Italian milked adulation from Swindon's fans after Saturday's 2-0 win as the Saddlers gathered round Richard O'Kelly, writes Nick Mashiter.

The full-time pep talk was nothing new, but against the background of another celebrating away end – and manager – it is becoming too familiar. The result made it a 10-game winless run in all competitions – including five home defeats – which is no longer threatening to upset the season, it is tearing it up, chewing it and spitting it out.

Work done and points earned at the start are now a buffer to keep Walsall out of the League One relegation zone.

### Spectre

After no wins in seven in the division the anger and frustration is exacerbated following a start which had whispers of a bright new future – one without the omnipresent spectre of relegation.

That future could still happen – but the longer Walsall continue to flounder, the more difficult it becomes to paint that bright picture. Teams go through bad patches and the hope, with every game, is that the Saddlers are going to escape theirs.

After the energising start, the life is being sapped from the supporters with the audible discontent growing.

The expectations which were raised are now being dashed in ruthless fashion as the young guns run out of steam. Lately you are back to not knowing what to expect, back to the inconsistent Walsall, back to worrying.

Previously they could, rightly, underline the gallant defeats. Performances rather than points were the highlights to cling to.

But those displays have faded away and the Saddlers do not have that dubious luxury any more. This time last year they



Saddlers' Sam Mantom battling for the ball with Town's John Bostock

were in the middle of a run of one win in 21 games which almost cost their survival. Now a similar story is unfolding.

On Saturday, manager Dean Smith defended his battle weary troops, eager not to damage the fragile confidence which has ebbed away over the last six weeks.

They improved from their Scunthorpe mauling – but only just – and assertions they would turn the corner with similar performances were more confidence building exercises than statements of intent.

The FA Cup replay with Lincoln took on greater significance. A win and the seeds of recovery are sown. Losing means the season starts to unravel faster.

Visits to big-spending Crawley and leaders Tranmere are to follow and by the time Walsall host Colchester and Rock



Walsall's Adam Chambers holds off Town's Simon Ferry

bottom Hartlepool they could be embroiled in a serious relegation battle.

There won't be any sob stories from the squad. They are tough enough, and they are old enough to know they have drastically under-performed.

Even the returning Sam Mantom, after he rejoined on loan from Albion, couldn't inspire as Walsall again missed Florent Cuvelier's craft and industry.

But Mal Benning's encouraging full debut gave cause for hope. The 19-year-old has long been rated at the Banks's and his composure and maturity was a positive from a game which started badly and got worse.

Within a minute Walsall were behind as Simon Ferry thumped in Gary Roberts' half cleared cross.

Just 57 seconds had gone as the Robins

sliced the Saddlers apart and the hosts rarely looked like recovering.

Jamie Paterson and Mantom shot wide but Walsall, shell-shocked, failed to conjure a serious chance in a first-half.

Adam Chambers fired over immediately after the break but only briefly did the Saddlers threaten. Benning's low effort almost caught out the underworked Wes Foderingham before the keeper pushed away Paterson's free kick. From the corner Swindon Storey's shot was blocked Matt Ritchie dove into the corner from 20 yards.

From then it was a Swindon stroll and only Grof's sprawling late save at Andy Williams' feet ensured it stayed 2-0.

Walsall have been here before. It's an unwanted repeat with an unknown ending.

## Ahmed is back with double to clinch tie

**Droylsden 1 Rushall Olympic 2**  
TWO GOALS by Ahmed Obeng kept Pies' FA Trophy dream alive against Blue Square North's Droylsden.

A month ago he collapsed in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier fixture against Chorley but his return was Roy of the Rovers stuff.

Both teams started well but Droylsden had territorial advantage and thought they had taken the lead after 24 minutes but officials ruled a drive against the bar came down on to the goalline and back into play.

On 77 minutes, Obeng fired in from the back post to beat Dale Latham and then Droylsden's Jimmy Derbyshire was red-carded for a high, two-footed challenge on Josh Craddock.

Obeng fired home from 10 yards to double Rushall's advantage but Droylsden got one back with five minutes of normal play left.

It came through Carlos Logan's penalty after Jonathan Haynes was booked for his tackle on Steve Hallis. Logan stepped up to send Chris Gemmell the wrong way.

## Star end up well beaten

### Gornal Athletic 3 Continental Star 0

STAR were well beaten by a resurgent Gornal in this Midland Alliance clash.

Gornal's first goal, on 23 minutes, saw Calum Martin find space in midfield and play an excellent through ball for Kristian Green to get in behind the Star defence.

He was forced wide by keeper Richard Gethin, but netted from a narrow angle.

Gornal continued to control the game in the second half and extended the lead on the hour mark.

A corner from Pete Wood was met by Curtis Tilt; his header was parried by Gethin, and Marvin Nisbett nodded home unchallenged.

On 78 minutes, substitute Ravi Sangha got the final goal of the game after some poor defending allowed him a six-yard tap-in.

## Emily goes nap

### AFC Phoenix Girls U15 5 Stoke Town Girls U15 4

FIVE-GOAL Emily Aldridge inspired Phoenix to victory.

They took the lead on four occasions only to be pegged back each time before Aldridge had the final word.

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## Lockmen outscore rivals in a thriller

**Willenhall 5 Wednesfield 3**  
WILLENHALL triumphed in a fiercely, but fairly-contested West Midlands Premier derby, giving them a fourth straight win.

They scored against the run of play after 14 minutes as a Ricky Nicholls cross was turned in by Jake Morgan but were only ahead for a minute thanks to Stuart Dugliss' low cross shot.

The visitors were ahead two minutes after the break when a low shot from Josh Carvel squirmed through the grip of Matt Rodgers and trickled home.

Within four minutes Willenhall struck back when James McKenzie chased down keeper Sam Arnold and his hurried clearance struck the striker and ricocheted into the net.

Just before the hour Nicholls scored a fine goal as he was played in and he jinked around the keeper before firing home from a tight angle. However, three goals in four frantic minutes settled the game.

On 66 minutes, Ben Sanderson hit a fierce shot that levelled up the scores.

Two minutes later and the Cottagers' defence was breached again as a free-kick from the right was headed in by McKenzie for his second and Willenhall's fourth.

Morgan then produced a superb shot on the turn to fire home a drive two minutes later.

## Difficult win in extra time

**Stone Dominoes Reserves 5 Sporting Khalsa 7 (aet, 4-4 at full-time)**

AFTER exiting the Walsall Senior cup against Walsall last night, Khalsa struggled against a team in the league below them in the Staffordshire Vase.

The home side scored on five minutes but Khalsa's Paul Sullivan hit the post and Danny Campbell levelled on 25 minutes.

Sullivan got a solo goal in the second half but, against the run of play, the home side levelled on 60 minutes.

Carter put Khalsa ahead from a Campbell corner in the 80th minute but the home side equalised and took the lead.

Carter levelled minute and Andre Brown netted for Khalsa in extra-time, but the home side equalised.

Goals from Brown and Sullivan clinched it in the second period of extra-time.



Students at the Bloxwich TAGB Taekwondo club took part in belt grading

## Belting time for club

STUDENTS from Bloxwich TAGB Taekwondo club have again achieved a 100 per cent pass rate at their recent belt grading.

Many achieved plus and A grade passes in the tests.

Grading was held by Master P Donnelly, an eighth degree black belt and one of the top-ranking masters in the UK.

During the grading, students performed various tasks including traditional patterns and line work, set sparring, semi-contact sparring and theory.

All the elements contribute to the final grade.

The club is run twice weekly from the

### Taekwondo

Black Country UTC site on Vernon Way (formerly Sneyd school).

It teaches traditional taekwondo alongside fitness and sparring sessions.

Bloxwich TAGB is a family-run club suitable for men, women and children.

Following the success of the Bloxwich club, taekwondo instructor Mike Meese is now opening a new club at Tipton Swimming centre.

For more details, contact Meese on 07878 555483 or you can go through [mike@west-midstkd.co.uk](mailto:mike@west-midstkd.co.uk)



Darts ace Matthew Dennant

## Matthew qualifies with style

A WALSALL darts player has qualified for next year's Youth Championships.

Matthew Dennant finished in the top 32 of UK and European players after knockout competitions.

The 21-year-old, from Blakenall, has been ranked 17th in the Professional Darts Corporation youth order of merit for this year.

It means he qualifies for the Youth Championships due to be held in spring.

Dennant, who has been playing since he was 10, has competed in Germany in the last year as well as Britain.

He represents the New Inn pub in Blakenall.

"My main aim was just to finish in the 32 so to finish 17th was better than I expected," he said.

## Early penalty nets the points

**Wolverhampton U15 0 Walsall U15 1**

JORDAN NEWELL'S early penalty – the visitors' only shot on target in the match – proved enough to win them this West Midlands Schools District League encounter.

Wolves went on to dominate but woeful finishing and tremendous saves by Lawrence Bilbow ensured the score did not change.

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# TROPHY JOY AS PICS FACE RED DRAGONS

**RUSHALL OLYMPIC have landed the biggest game in their history in the FA Trophy.**

The Pics will travel to play former FA Cup giant-killers Wrexham in the first round proper on November 24 in a game officials believe could net the club more than £10,000.

The teams, who are two divisions apart in the non-league pyramid, will clash at the Racecourse Ground for a £5,000 winners' cheque and a place in the last 32.

by Steve Madeley

## Dan double sends Wood out of Vase

**Lichfield City 2 Walsall Wood 1**

TWO goals from Dan Thurstance – the second worthy of winning any game – were enough to dump Walsall Wood out of a second cup in a week.

Lichfield wanted this Staffs Vase result more, while Wood's thoughts were on next Saturday's FA Vase game at Shirebrook Town.

On 45 minutes, Thurstance headed in but Wood equalised within three minutes of the restart through Bilgimer.

Thirteen minutes later Thurstance, 30 yards out, hit a screamer giving the keeper no chance.

City worked hard and deserved their win but for Wood it is the big one on the road to Wembley, when they travel to Shirebrook Town on Saturday in round two of the FA Vase.

Coaches leave Oak Park at 11.30am and seats at £15 are still available.

The draw pits Evo-Stik Northern League Premier Division Rushall against Blue Square Premier outfit Wrexham, who spent 87 years in the Football League.

The Red Dragons are most famous for dumping Arsenal out of the FA Cup in 1992 in one of the competition's most celebrated upsets.

Manager Neil Kitching, whose side defeated Droylsden 2-1 on Saturday to reach the first round, said: "I'm absolutely ecstatic."

"It's going to be a cracking tie that everyone in Rushall needs to come out and see."

**Biggest**

Long-serving Dales Lane secretary Pete Athersmith said: "I have been here since 1993 and it is certainly the biggest game we have had in my time here."

"And I think we could probably say it is the biggest game the club have had, full stop."

"We have never been in the first round proper before so it is a really big thing for us – and financially it could be really good for us."

"I would be disappointed if we got less than £8,000 in gate receipts and it could be £10,000 – possibly more."

Hednesford have a home tie against Solihull Moors.

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## McGuigan sparring partner will be back in ring

A WALSALL boxer who sparred with world champion Barry McGuigan is to make a comeback and raise money in memory of his father.

Peter Till retired as a professional in 1996 – but will be back for the main event at a boxing show at The Premier Suite, Cannock, on Friday, November 23.

The 49-year-old will raise cash for Prostate Cancer UK in memory of his father George – known to friends as Fono – who died of the disease at 58.

Ex-Midlands area lightweight champion Till, whose opponent has yet to be named, had 52 professional fights. He won 30, lost 21 and drew one.

He became a friend and sparring partner of McGuigan after a victory over Neil Haddock.

Till went to McGuigan for a chat and advice – and the former world featherweight champion invited him to his home, near Luton, for sparring sessions.

Till, of Coalpool, said: "Barry McGuigan was my idol. It was an amazing opportunity for me."

"He was a lovely man outside the ring – but when we got into the ring his whole persona changed. He was like a different man. He put me down three times."

"He told me after that the ring was his office and that's where he did his business. He never spoke to me in the ring, but as soon as he got out again he was back to his charming self."

The two have stayed friends. Both



Peter Till, right, with Scott Murray of The Premier Suite as they prepare for the night

are Spurs supporters and regularly exchange texts about the club.

Till's biggest thrill was fighting at Spurs' White Hart Lane ground where he was beaten in five rounds by Michael Ayers. He has kept fit since retiring and stepped up his regime by training at Pleck and Walsall Wood Amateur Boxing Clubs.

He said: "I will be getting paid for

stepping in the ring. But I am also getting people to sponsor me so I can raise money in memory of my father George. All the money I raise through sponsorship will go to Prostate Cancer UK."

The event is seated and standing with six fights. Tickets start at £15 from The Premier Suite on 01543 572092 or from Peter on 07432 142343.

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